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SUMMARY.

The New South Wales Treasury Bills loan of £600,000 at 4 per cent. has been placed in London with accrued interest, which reduces the price to 99¾.

It was stated by the Premier yesterday that the money was partly required to meet indebtedness in London, and partly to pay for material purchased there.

New South Wales 3½ per cent. and 3 per cent. stock fell 1 per cent. in London yesterday.

Replying to a deputation from the beer and wine traders, Mr. Balfour, the Imperial Premier, deprecated as unjust confiscation the policy of certain magistrates in refusing licenses.

He also said he hoped the Quarter Sessions would reverse some of the more extravagant of these decisions, and give the Licensing Act a fair chance.

It is stated that an agreement has been come to with Italy that Great Britain shall not occupy any territory on the Tripoli coast.

Six persons have been killed and 30 seriously injured by a train leaving the line at Guelph, Ontario, and running down the side of an embankment.

Mr. W. P. Reeves, the New Zealand Agent-General, complains that the cable messages published in the London "Times" greatly exaggerate the New Zealand labour disputes.

Delight and gratitude on the part of the Dutch inhabitants of Natal have greeted the proclamation of the amnesty to rebels in that colony.

In the election of a member for the Rye division of Sussex the Conservative candidate has been defeated by a Liberal with a majority of 554.

Sir Wilfred Laurier has introduced a bill into the Canadian House of Commons providing for a poll tax of £100 on Chinese immigrants and making masters of vessels liable for the tax.

A revolution has occurred in the Republic of Uruguay, in South America, and 8000 rebels threaten to attack the capital.

It has been decided that the Maxim guns in use in the navy shall be superseded, and 12lb. pom-poms installed in their places.

Heavy rains and snowstorms have rendered all movement in Macedonia impossible for a month.

Instructions have been given by the Minister for Works that the construction of the Wyalong railway is to be expedited so that it may be finished in time for next wool season.

At Cobar the members of the Amalgamated Miners' Association have requested the employers to increase pay by an average of 4s a day, and has also asked for a conference on the subject.

A sum of £10,000 has been granted by the Government toward the erection of a new hospital at Gunnedah, and the building is to be begun at once.

The New Plymouth (New Zealand) Chamber of Commerce has decided to wait on the Union S.S. Company with a view of obtaining a direct service of steamers between there and Sydney.

In order was made yesterday by the Victorian Chief Justice for the payment to a letter-carrier of a sum representing the difference between the salaries of officers of his grade in Victoria and South Australia.

Informations for breaches of an industrial award have been laid by the New Zealand Registrar of Industrial Unions against employers concerned in the lockout of employees.

In the farming district of Otago employers refuse to pay more than 9d an hour, and the men refuse to work under 10½d.

The Western Australian Cabinet has decided that the sentence of death passed on Ballantyne for the murder of a Chinaman shall be carried out.

Tension exists in the Victorian Mounted Rifles at the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Lee, Assistant Adjutant-General, to command the Victorian section of the military forces at the Easter encampment.

A deputation from the Melbourne Trades' Hall Council has protested to the Victorian Minister for Railways against omitting a minimum wage clause from specifications for new locomotives.

The Queensland Government has refused the offer of the Wangaratta Divisional Board to take over the town railway.

Sir William Lyne has written to the Postal Department, and to the Governments of South Australia and Western Australia, with a view of obtaining further information respecting the proposed trans-Australian railway.

In the Supreme Court yesterday a verdict was returned for the plaintiff in the case of Hannah v. Dalgarno for £200.

The action was one brought by a cabman to recover damages for injury to himself and his cab, and the killing of his horse, by an electric wire which fell on it last year.

Mr. Jenkins, Premier of South Australia, has written to the Commonwealth Government declining to give up possession of 14 rooms used for State purposes in the General Post Office, Adelaide.

Sir William Lyne, in a minute to the Federal Premier, insists on the absolute right of the federal authorities to all apartments in buildings owned by the Commonwealth.

An estimate has been prepared showing that 1010 officers and 16,205 men, with 3991 horses and 44 guns, will probably take part in the forthcoming Easter encampments.

Major-General Hutton, in a general order, directs that ceremonial drill, manual, bayonet, and firing exercises, are not to be practised at the camps except in the case of untrained men.

The camps, he says, are intended to give instruction in the more advanced forms of military training, such as are not practicable with small units.

A Greek, on a charge of murdering his brother's wife at Kalgoorlie, has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

Archdeacon Gunther (Vicar-general of the Anglican diocese of Sydney) has issued a circular asking help on behalf of the Townsville Cathedral and other ecclesiastical buildings.

Interviewed yesterday on the subject of the Rookwood cemetery area, the Lord Mayor of Sydney expressed indignation at the suggested abandonment of improvements in the area by the Government.

He said that if the Government was not prepared to improve the area the City Council was, and that such work properly came within the purview of the council.

A deputation of unemployed waited on the council of the Liberal and Reform Association at its meeting yesterday and represented that many families were on the verge of starvation.

Mr. Carruthers, M.L.A., chairman of the association, assured the deputation that no Government would permit people to starve, and that proper representations made to the Government would secure help.

A deputation of country milk-vendors asked the Minister for Labour yesterday to amend the Early Closing Act in the direction of making a compulsory half-holiday.

Mr. Perry, the Minister, said the whole question was difficult, but he did not think the deputation should suffer for observing the law.

In Wellington, New Zealand, the Mayor declined an invitation to an "at home" given by the Admiral because the aldermen were not also invited.

Cardinal Moran celebrated the sacerdotal golden jubilee of his pastorate yesterday.

In commemoration of the event a school for the poor children of the city was opened in Williamstown, and 1200 children of the cathedral parish were entertained at Manly.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council a report from a special committee on the establishment of an unemployed relief fund was received. Discussion upon it was adjourned.

A market gardener while proceeding to the Adelaide Market yesterday morning was stuck up by two men, who, however, took nothing from him.

In Adelaide a Salvation Army congress is to be held, and Commissioner and Mrs. M'Kie are already in that city to attend it.

In response to an appeal from Townsville Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, have opened a subscription list in connection with the Townsville Sufferers' Relief Fund.

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company has given £100, and Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. £100 to the fund. Several smaller amounts have also been received.

Rains were reported yesterday from a number of stations in the inland districts, the highest registration being at Broken Hill, where there was about half an inch.

The conference between representatives of the two Houses in Victoria over the Reform Bill was continued yesterday, and further adjourned, without coming to any agreement over the points in dispute.

At a meeting held last night at Newtown on the unemployed question resolutions were carried urging the Government to carry out public works already approved by Parliament.

It was also resolved to ask that Parliament be called together without delay.

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ADELAIDE	Gabo, Tuesday, April 21, 5 p.m.
FREMANTLE and W.A. PORTS	Gabo, Tuesday, April 21, 5 p.m.
BRISBANE MARYBOROUGH BUNDABERG ROCKHAMPTON GLADSTONE MACKAY TOWNSVILLE CAIRNS, and RIVER PORTS	Tyrian, To-morrow, Saturday, 1 p.m. Konoowarra, Tuesday, March 24, 5 p.m.
	Tyrian, To-morrow, Saturday, 1 p.m. Leura, Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m.

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BRISBANE	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, March 21. Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 24
MARYBOROUGH	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, March 21
BUNDABERG	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, March 21
GLADSTONE	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 24
ROCKHAMPTON AND ALL QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, noon, March 21 (without transhipment). Wod

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PIGEONS entries close Saturday, Mar. 21.
CANARIES entries close Monday, Mar. 23.
DOGS entries close Tuesday, Mar. 24.
FARM PRODUCE entries close Thursday, Mar. 26.

GRAND NAVAL AND MILITARY TATTOO in aid of the DROUGHT RELIEF FUND will be held at VICTORIA BARRACKS, on FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL, commencing at 8 p.m.

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HANDSOME new detached brick COTTAGE, has never been occupied, slate roof, hall, 4 pretty rooms, panelled, richly decorated ceilings, hall, bedrooms, large kitchen with fitted dresser, sink, &c., laundry, fixed tubs, connected with sewer, iron railing in front, fine block of land, Torrens title, very close to train and 2d tram; £450, Terms, £70 deposit and 12s week.

EDWARD F. BOGLE, 625 Darling-street, Balmain W.

YET ANOTHER BARGAIN, close Annandale tram.—Pretty new Detached Brick COTTAGE, substantially built, 4 good rooms, hall, kitchen, bath, pantry, verandah back and front, ample land. Torrens title, only £425, small deposit, easy terms. Intercolonial Investment Co., Ltd., 3 Moore-street, city. W. J. DOUGLAS, Manager.

OXFORD-STREET, close to city.—Must Sell, to Close Estate.—Large substantially-built DWELLING, in a good letting position, and which could be turned into two shops at a small cost. Title, Freehold. Price £1000. REGINALD DEAN, 298 Oxford-street, Paddington.

Tel., 11 Padd.

MOSMAN.—For SALE, W.B. COTTAGE, 3 rooms, bath and plaster, copper, bath, good condition, land 49 x 150, near tram, bargain, £275. D. MACQUIS, Military-road, Mosman. Tel., 98.

A RARE CHANCE AS AN INVESTMENT. Four soundly built Houses, well situated, of brick, slate roofs, 5 rooms, kit., &c.; £1400, will return 12 per cent. R. A. NORRIS and CO., 70 Pitt-street.

A LARGE Brick COTTAGE, 6 rooms, bath, washhouse, coachhouse, stable, garden and fowlyd., fenced, city water, land 3 ac., cleared and fenced, Torrens, terms, 15 mins. from stn. THORPE, Park-road, Rockwood.

WAVERLEY, 2d section.—A detached Double-fronted COTTAGE, built of brick on stone, cont. hall, 5 rooms, kit., and every modern conv., title Freehold, £400, close tram. Wm. Henderson, 656 Crown-street, S. H.

REDFERN.—HOUSE, built of brick on stone, slate roof, containing hall, 6 rooms, kitchen, folding doors, and every modern conv., title Torrens, price £700, splendidly finished. Wm. Henderson, 656 Crown-street, S. H.

BEGA District.—Dairy Farm, Grazing, 100 ac., creek always running, only £200. Lee and Co., 114A Pitt-st.

SPLENDID Investment.—Eq. 3 brick Houses, rents £78 yr., only £720. Lee and Co., 114A Pitt-st.

ROCKDALE.—New Brick Cott., 6 rooms, tiled roof, 5 u in. sla., £420, £100 dep., bal. 5 p.c. Cuddy, W. Kog.

COGARAH.—New W.B. Cott., 5 rms., land 66 x 200, nr. sta., £300, £35 dep., bal rent. J. Cuddy, W. Kog.

FOR SALE, 4-roomed Cottage, ground 50 x 166, £120 cash. Apply W. Newton, Millett-st., Hurstville.

FOR SALE, 2 COTTAGES, no deposit, easy terms. Apply 68 Holden-st., Ashfield.

ANNANDALE.—2 new Br. Cott., 4 r. each, w.h., bath, pantry, side lower, fancy ceiling. W. Baker, View-st.

FOR immediate SALE, no reasonable offer refused, Water-frontage RESIDENCE, 9 rooms and 6 offices, at Manly, shooting, fishing, sea bath, every convenience. T. J. HAMBLEAM, 130 King-street.

CHANCE.—4 Brick Rooms, unfinished, stabling, 5 horses, land 40 x 98, £175. 19 Botany-rd., Waterloo.

BARGAIN.—W.B. COTTAGE, 4 rms., 2nd sec., 30 x 132, 4 feet, terms £280. 19 Botany-rd., Waterloo.

COTTAGE, brick, 5 rms., bath, cop., garden, tram door, 35 x 120, £180. 19 Botany-rd., Waterloo.

LEICHHARDT.—Unique COTTAGE RESIDENCE, 6 rooms, land 87 x 132, owner leaving State at once, sacrifice, £675. EDWARD F. BOGLE, *Phone, 2868. 625 Darling-street, Balmain W.

LEICHHARDT HILL.—Cott., 5 r., every conv., Land 40 x 100, £345, inspec. inv. E. F. Bogle, Balmain W.

WATER Frontage.—Br ck, up-to-date, 6-rmd. House, Longnose Pt., £750. Bogle, 625 Darling-st., Balmain.

GREAT SCOT v. SIR LEONARD at ROSEHILL, TO-MORROW, Saturday.

NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTICES.

AUSTRALIAN RIFLES.—RECRUITS WANTED. Apply Queen's-square, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.
By order.
E. C. COOKE, Capt.,
Act. Adjutant.
(ad-67)

PURSER v. PATRONAGE at ROSEHILL, TO-MORROW, Saturday.

CHATSWOOD.—Rawson Heights Est. Torrens Title. On the Ground, TO-MORROW. R. and W., Ltd.

LOST AND FOUND.

GREAT SCOT v. SIR LEONARD at ROSEHILL, TO-MORROW, Saturday.

LOST, Sunday last, betw. Parramatta and Syd., Red Flag Harvest Bowls; rewd. C. Whiting, 14 Moore-st., Syd.

LOST, Monday, G.P.O. and King-st., Black SPANIEL, answers "Jack"; reward. H. N. Herald Office.

LOST, Wed. eve., betw. Glenmore-rd. and Cricket Grd., Gold Chain and Heart; rew. 164 Glenmore-rd., Pad.

LOST, near railway stn., Sydney, Envelope, contg. 3 postal notes and bal.; rwd. 39 Pimble-st., Annandale.

LOST, Handkerchief, cont. 18 sov. Finder rewarded. return'g C. A. Robinson, Kiora, U. Wm.-st., D'hurst.

LOST, between Manly and Kamore, Gold BROOCH, initial F. B. in pearls; reward 11 Derwent-st., Glebe.

LOST, St. Patrick's Day, in A.O., M.P., RING with motto; reward. 66 Palmer-st., Lower Dunsin.

LOST, SPECTACLES in case, supposed in Glebe Point tram, reward. 30 Bayswater-st., Darlinghurst.

LOST, Tuesday last, an American Invoice of Disinfectant, reward. A. A. Marks, 27 Hunter-st., city.

LOST, Gold Band RING, in fall on track, syd. Thos. Rew, rst. G. Farley, c.o. M. Weekley, Adelaide Hotel.

LOST, Tuesday, Pearl SCARFPIN. Finder rewarded. S. J. Law, Parliament House.

LOST, Draught Bay MARE from Rose Bay, branded R near shoulder, tow. 10s. T. Harris, Oberon-st., Bond.

LOST, Wed. night, Bondi Aquar., Gold Brooch, coral centre. Rew. 2 Gaskill-st., Surry Hills.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKEN'S WHISKY.

LOST, on Monday afternoon, small PARCEL, containing jewellery, outside Market-street entrance to Victoria Markets, or Cox, dyers, William-street. £5 reward at HARRY BROS., Hunter-street.

LOST, Tuesday night, corner Pitt and King streets, Lady's Silver WATCH, blue enamel face. Reward on returning
Manager, Hotel Grand Central.

LOST, Lady's Cricket Association TICKET, between Mosman and Circular Quay, No. 903; will be stopped at Cricket Ground. A. GAZZARD, Sydney.
Spit-road Junction, Mosman.

OLD METAL.—LOST, in December last, two Gunmetal GEAR WHEELS, with 41 teeth, stamped on face 41.892; two Gun-metal Gear Wheels, with 37 teeth, stamped on face 37.392.
Any information concerning them would be thankfully received and payment made for trouble.
Address Gear Wheel, S.M. Herald Office.

REWARD, lo.—Lost, Monday evg., Wimmera, Pair of SKIRS, King and Co., Drapers, Leichhardt.

REWARD, 10s.—LOST, on Manly, Chain PURSE. Finder kindly return Ashby Studio, 308 Source-st.

REWARD £2.—Lost, between King-street Arcade, Circular Quay, Manly, and return to Bondi Junction, small Diamond BROOCH with pendant attached. LYON and MOSELY, Wynyard-buildings, Carrington-st.

STRAYED from Barton-avenue, Haberfield Estate, Ashtad. 1, roan-bay Pony; rew. C. H. Chapman.

FOUND, Excursion TICKET, long distance return. Describe to Iota Cottage, Blackheath.

FOUND, PARCEL Drapery, Circ. Quay, hatpins, &c. Gr'nd floor office, Harrison-chambers, Taylor, Macq.-pl.

FOUND, Brindle-and-White BULL-TERRIER, with collar and inscription. Exchange Hotel Oxford-st.

FOUND, TACHBOLT. Owner may have same on inquiring at 127 Elizabeth-st., Redfern.

IN Marrickville Pound.—Grey Draught Horse, branded MT9 near shoulder, no shoes on.

STRAYED into my yard, very young Heifer CALF; owner have pay exs. advt. 9 Bridge-rd., Petersham.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF GLEBE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PLAN showing the proposed Permanent Levels of Footways from Maxwell-road to edge of Roads as lying at this Office for the inspection of all persons interested during office hours, and will be open for fourteen days from this date. Any objection to same must be lodged with the undersigned (in writing) on or before that time; otherwise it will not be entertained.

T. D. GLASSCOCK,
Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Glebe. Council Clerk.

CYANIDE v. AIR MOTOR at ROSEHILL, TO-MORROW, Saturday.

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EMURRAY and CO. just opened 20 cases Bedsteads. Inspect our stock. Wire Mattresses, Bedding remade.

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BEDSTEADS, 4-post, altered to 3-testers, equal new, brass nts., 15s. W. Longland, 107 L'pool-st., n. Geo.-st.

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WANTED at once, 5 or 6 rooms FURNITURE. Box, P.O., Haymarket.

SEWING MACHINE, 4 rms. Furniture, in good order. Apply Probus, P.O., Redfern.

SELLING OFF in earnest, at your own price.—Furniture, immens. stock, new and s.-h. Elliott, 623 Geo.-st.

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SECOND ZAZA MATINEE
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The Consensus of Opinion is that it is
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ON and OFF, Palace, Sat. Next. Don't fail to see "The Winking Girl." Awfully Funny.

CYANIDE v. AIR MOTOR at ROSEHILL, TO-MORROW, Saturday.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens' chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 1st day of April, 1903, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 28th day of March, 1903. Re NICHOLAS LOHAN (No. 15,466), of Orange, Coachbuilder. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens' chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 31st day of March, 1903, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 27th day of March, 1903. Re LEWIS DARE (No. 15,480), trading as the Clarence River Co-operative Produce Co., of 13 Collins-street, Annandale, and carried on business at George-street West, Sydney, Produce Merchant; re WALTER HERBERT JACKSON (No. 15,494), of 13 Lawson-street, Balmain, and carried on business at Darling-road, Balmain, Bootmaker; re HENRY LENARD (No. 15,503), of Liverpool-road, Burwood, Labourer. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens' chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 2nd day of April, 1903, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 30th day of March, 1903. Re RICHARD WM. JOHNSTON (No. 15,515), of Turramurra, Civil Servant; ARTHUR WALTER SMITH and ARTHUR SMITH, trading as A. Smith and Co. (No. 15,514), of No. 40 Campbell-street, North Sydney, formerly of No. 195 Falcon-street, North Sydney, and carried on business at 9 Hamilton-street, Sydney, Mercantile Brokers. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4-64)

IN the ESTATE of NICHOLAS LOHAN, of Orange, Coachbuilder, lately trading as The Central Coach Factory; J. M'KEON, Manager.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all DEBTS due to the Estate of the abovenamed NICHOLAS LOHAN on the 20th February, 1903, must be paid to me as Official Assignee of the Estate. All debts not paid within fourteen days from this date will be placed in the hands of a Solicitor for recovery by legal process.

LANCELOT T. LLOYD,
Official Assignee.
182 Phillip-street,
Sydney, 18th March, 1903.

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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp. Fine Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses and Harness. And at 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1351.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above. On account of Mr. J. R. ATKINSON, 15 strong, outstanding light Horses, all the right ages, in good condition, suitable for all classes of harness and hackney work, broken and unbroken. On account of Mr. ALEX. CAMPBELL, Jun., White Rock, Castle Mountain. 30 superior Horses, comprising principally well-bred saddle and harness sorts, and one or two draughts, broken in. Amongst the lot is a thoroughbred mare by ENO, by SOMBOROUGH, also two Mares in foal to MERRY MARCH. On account of Mr. J. K. Lethbridge, St. Marys. 4 well-bred Ponies, principally 4 and 5 years old, unbroken, or by the following sires:—CAMBRIA, LUCIFER, and COMMISSIONER. On account of Mr. JAS. EKIN, St. Marys. 8 well-bred Ponies, comprising brown Mare, broken to s. and h.; Brown Mare, broken to ead.; Cream Filly, a handsome and good sort; also 5 other Colts and Fillies, 4 years old, unbroken, being sold on account of Mr. Ekin having left his property. Three of the above have foals at foot by the champion pony PERFECTION. On account of owner. 8 stanch Draught Horses, work in lead or shafts. On account of Mr. A. Anderson, Appin. 2 Draught Geldings, splendid workers. On account of Mr. T. Sheehan, Sutherland. Red Roan Mare, 4 years, thoroughly broken to harness and a grand worker.

HOODED SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. J. Paris of Balmain, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., His well-known Turnout, comprising Black Gelding, reliable in harness, Hooded Sulky (nearly new), and Harness, a superior lot.

ANGUS PONY PHAETON.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. Allan and Co. to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Pony Park Phaeton, by Angus, leather hood, in good order.

TWO BOWEAL HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Piggott, Bowral, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, black points, 5 years, by Sunol, fast trotter, very stylish in saddle and harness, suit a doctor; Bay Mare, by Enfield, a splendid lady's hackney and reliable in single and double harness, can be recommended, make a good family buggy or sociable horse.

RACING PONIES ROBIN AND LONA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. M'Carthy (on account of his brother for South Africa) to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, ROBIN, chestnut gelding, 14.2, Kens. cert., by Somerset from Wildflower, winner of many races; also LONA, bay mare, 14.1, Kens. cert., by Somerset from Lady Lona, a good performer.

RACING PONY FROM ORANGE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Brown Gelding, 4 years, 14.2, by Speculation, dam Sunol, untried.

TO RACING MEN and OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr H. Hill to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, BEANPATCH, Bay Gelding, 14.3, Kens. cert., by Beauchamp. Full particulars at sale.

RACING PONY FIRELIGHT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. M. Kelleher to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, FIRELIGHT, Chestnut Mare, 14¾, Kens. 5c rt. Winner of many races. Full pedigree and performances at sale.

THE RACEHORSE BRAZEN LAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, BRAZEN LAD, Brown Gelding, by Brazen Nose, from Queen of Hearts. He is a well-known performer. Full particulars at sale.

TO RACING MEN and OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Black Mare, 6 years, 15 hands, by Blairgowrie, dam by Merveilleux; a good jumper, untried. Also, Grey Gelding, 5 years, quiet in saddle and harness.

USEFUL HARNESS GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Brown Gelding, 4 years, thoroughly quiet and stanch in harness; suit a cab or van.

TROTTING GELDING, by MESSENGER.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Lord to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY at 12 o'clock, Chestnut Gelding, 6 years, by Messenger; a fast pacer and quiet in harness.

PRODUCE SALES.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd.; John Hodge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; H. Clark, and Co.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Thomas Hordern, Turner, and Co., Ltd., as under:—

SHEEPSKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10.30 a.m.

HIDES.—At 2 p.m.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY Co., Ltd., will sell by Public Auction, at the Royal Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY (Friday), At 10.30 a.m.: Sheepskins. At 11.30 a.m.: Hides.

GEORGE H. Stockman and Co. sell by auction, This Day, at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins, 11 o'clock; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

R. J. CURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALEROOM AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, &c.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 10, THIS DAY, Poultry, Eggs, Rabbits, &c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

DITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Tallow. And at 1 o'clock, Hides.

ELLIS and Co. will sell by auction at their Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Fat Wethers, Fat Cows, Bacon-curers, Boilers, Rolled Rag Butter, Honey, Lard, Bacon, Cheese, Calves, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, &c. Silver Bacon, choice quality.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.

At 457 PITT-STREET, near Goulburn-street,

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Removed from 302 Jones-street, Pyrmont; Albion-street, Surry Hills; and a Boarding-house, Darlinghurst. Drawing-room Suite, 11 Pieces, several rooms of Linoleum, 4ft. Sideboard, in cedar and stained walnut, Dinner Tables 4x4, 5x3, and 4x3, Dressing Table Covers, two very fine Dinner Services, Glassware, Crockery, Cutlery, E.P. Ware. VERY HANDSOME OAK SIDEBOARD (worth seeing), Australian Chairs and Arm Chairs, Rocker, &c.; Overmantels, Wall Mirrors, Pictures, Ornaments, Couches, Easy Chairs, Inlaid Cocoanut Suite, Lounges and Walnut Oval Tables, Cornice Poles, Curtains, 50in Suite, Cedar Chiffonier, TWO HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES, Chests of Drawers, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Toilet Ware, Bedroom Chairs, Child's Cot. THREE VERY FINE DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, fitted with Woven Wire Mattresses, Single and Three-quarter Bedsteads and Bedding, all exceptionally good condition. VERY FINE LARGE OAK DRESSER, Kitchen Tables, Safes, a good Enamel Dresser, and a large variety of Kitchen and Culinary Utensils, Enamelled Ware, Clothes Baskets, Zinc Tubs, Bath, and Sundries.

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HENRY W. BROOK, AUCTIONEER, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, 11 a.m., WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

THIS DAY, 11 O'CLOCK.

22 Oxford-street, Paddington, opposite Public School. Absolutely UNRESERVED SALE of the SHAMROCK HAM and BEEF SHOP, comprising Handsome Marble Counter (25ft. long), Scales, Patent Till, Computing Scales (new), Marble Slabs, Warming Pie and Sausage Can, 2 Large Plate-glass Mirrors, Cutting Boards, Lino., Tickets, Incandescent Burners, Crockery Ware, Chairs, Tables, Chairs, Meat Safe, Blinds, Mats, Mats, Ropes, Gas Ring, Kitchen Utensils, together with all the requirements for carrying on this line of business.

JOHN P. LISTER has been instructed to sell the above.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, at the rooms, 247A Pitt-street, A small stock of DRAPERY and FANCY GOODS, comprising Dress Materials and Linings, Table Covers, Sheeting, Sheeting, Towels, Shirts, Children's Millinery and Mercery.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, as above.

THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, at the Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, The Stock of a Working Watchmaker. Watchmaker's Mandrels, Opera Glasses, Clocks, Spectacles, Watches, &c. Freehold Gent's Bicycle.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, as above.

THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, UNRESERVED JEWELLERY, will be sold by auction at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street. The Household Jewellery pledged with Mr. A. J. Haugh, at 29 Hartley-street, Balmain. Unredeemed Jewellery.

IMPORTANT SALE of Superior Household Furniture and Effects, THIS DAY, at 10.30 and 2.30, Andrew-st., Balmain, off Darling-st. B.M. Bedsteads, Bedding, Comfortables, Wardrobes, Wash, Chiffonier, Sideboards, Overmantels, Couches, Pianos, Hall Seats, Curtains, Austrian Chairs, Tables, Gasolier, Drawer, nice clean lot. MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, CLOTHING, Boots, Clothing, Jewelry, Furniture, Crockery, &c. HENRY WEBB will sell by auction at 135 Castlereagh-st. No Reserve.

CYANIDE v. AIR MOTOR at ROSEHILL. To-MORROW, Saturday.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS OF LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD., 128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

THE VERY SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, removed from a Gentleman's Residence in the Northern Suburbs for ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.

Also, HIGH-CLASS MODERN FURNITURE and HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

The Property of a Gentleman who lately resided at Mosman, and removed from Messrs. Sanders' Store to the Rooms for convenience of sale; also the complete Furnishings removed from the residence of a well-known Medical Practitioner, who is leaving shortly for England, and the Furnishings and Appointments removed from a City Dentistry, in consequence of the owner having left the State for England, and on account of sundry Vendors, including ATTRACTIVE TABLE APPOINTMENTS, FINEST QUALITY CARPETS, LIGHT OAK DINING ROOM FURNITURE, supplied by Messrs. WALKER, SONS, and BARTHOLOMEW, HALL AND LIBRARY FURNITURE, PATENT ADJUSTABLE COLUMBIA DENTAL CHAIR, with hydraulic gear, upholstered in plush, small Dentist's Lathe, Vulcanizer, &c., &c., SUPERB DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS, VALUABLE UPRIGHT PLEYEL PIANOFORTE, and SEVERAL OTHER INSTRUMENTS BY EMINENT MAKERS, GEM PHONOGRAPH AND TWELVE RECORDS, GRAPHOPHONE, with Reproducer, Receiver, Trumpet, Ear Tube, Speaking Tube, and 24 Records, GRAND BEDROOM FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS, HANDSOME BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, double and single, complete, SINGER'S LATEST IMPROVED SEWING MACHINE, vibrating shuttle, with fittings, complete, SUPERIOR KITCHEN FURNITURE, TWO PATENT ROLLER MANGLES, &c., &c., &c.

JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER. LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd., ACTING AS AGENT FOR THE VARIOUS VENDORS, will conduct the important Sale by Auction, AT THE ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, as above.

TO THE GROCERY TRADE, COUNTRY BUYERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, ON THE PREMISES, 118 BRIDGE-ROAD, GLEBE POINT, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, at 11 o'clock sharp.

Under Instructions from A. F. LORD and CO., ACCOUNTANTS, In the ASSIGNED ESTATE of A. F. HODGKINSON.

THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, OILMEN STORES, and GROCERIES, comprising TEAS, SUGAR, CORNFLOUR, MATCHES, JAMS, VINEGAR, PICKLES, CANDLES, TINNED FRUITS, SOAP, STARCH, FLOUR, MILK, COCOA, BLUE, SARDINES, TINNED FISH, LEMON PEEL, RICE, CURRANTS, BISCUITS, DATES, BARLEY, PEAS, SULTANAS, BAGS, PAPER, BOXES, TINS, SET COMPUTING SCALES and WEIGHTS, SUNDRIES, &c.

A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell as above, on the Premises, 118 Bridge-road, Glebe Point, THIS DAY, March 20, at 11 o'clock sharp, WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, on the Premises, "THE OLD CLUB HOUSE," Delaview-street, adjoining the Bondi Aquarium, AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

Under instructions from the Mortgagees, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and GENERAL EFFECTS, consisting of SUITE of DRAWING-ROOM (Wicker) FURNITURE, SUITE of DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, AUSTRIAN CHAIRS and COUCH, CARPET, OCCASIONAL TABLES, LINOLEUMS, KEROSENE STOVE, CURTAINS and HANGINGS, KITCHEN UTENSILS, &c., QUANTITY OF ISLAND CURIOS.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction the above, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock sharp.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, New and Second-hand Clothing, Men's, Women's, and Children's Drapery, Bed Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Furniture, Mangles, Side Saddle, Oilcloth, Linoleum. No Reserve.

FURNITURE AT BARGAIN PRICES for SPOT CASH ONLY, SPOT CASH ONLY, at M. SYMONDS AND COMPANY'S, 285 and 287 PITT-STREET. MAGNIFICENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, suitable FOR COTTAGE OR MANSION. Over THREE THOUSAND POUNDS' WORTH to be sold at THIRTY PER CENT. UNDER COST. M. SYMONDS AND COMPANY, 285 and 287 PITT-STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY. ORDER OF SALE. FUNDED AND DEBENTURE STOCK. CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

FUNDED STOCK.—£200 of N. S. Wales 4 per cent. per annum, due 1912.
DEBENTURE STOCK.—£80 in E. S. and A. Bank, Ltd., 4 per cent. per annum.
PREFERRED Inscribed Dep sit Stock.—£78 in E. S. and A. Bank, Ltd., 3 per cent. per annum.
DEFERRED Inscribed Deposit Stock.—£17 in E. S. and A. Bank, Ltd., 3 per cent. per annum. Executors' sales.
CITY.—Block of Land, Park-street, 15ft. x 50, between Pitt and Castlereagh streets.
ULTIMO.—House, No 33 M'Kee-street, Leasehold, near Harris-street and Crown-road.
BEDFERN.—Cottage and two Houses, Nos 111 to 113 Pitt-street, corner of Turner-street, close to Redfern-street. Freehold. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Eight Houses, Nos. 1 to 15 Turner-street, adj. above. Executors' sale.
FOREST LODGE.—Residence, Windsor, No. 163 Pyrmont Bridge-road, West of Globe Point-road.
PADDINGTON.—Terrace of Five Houses, corner of Goodhope and Boddle streets, close to Glenmore-road.
DITTO.—Nine Houses, No. 1 to 17 Little Napier-street, corner of Selwyn-street. Executors' sale.
NEWTOWN.—Two Houses, Nos. 143 and 145 Unwin-street, between Munni and Iredale streets. Executors' sale.
PETERSHAM.—Two Residences, Nos. 3 and 5 Regent-street, between railway station and Canterbury Newtown. Mortgagees' sale.
SUMMER HILL.—Superior Residence, Telahra, Gower-street, convenient to station.
ASHFIELD.—Residence, No. 14 Chandos-street, close to Webb-avenue.
NORTH ANNANDALE.—Shop and Dwelling (Holly's Store), Piper and Annandale streets.
MANLY.—Corner Block of Land, The Steyne and Wentworth-street. Executors' sale.
BONDI.—Block of 39 acres 30 library-road, little north of electric tram terminus; also Cottage and 2 acres adjoining in two lots. Executors sale.
LEICHHARDT.—Three Cottages, Nos. 165 to 169 Catherine and styles streets. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Block of Land, Styles-street, adjoining above.
BURWOOD.—The unsold lots on the Weldon Estate, fronting Liverpool-road and Weldon-street. Executors' sale.
MARRICKVILLE.—Four Houses, Agnes-terrace, Edinburgh-road, close to foot of Enmore-road. Executors' sale.
DITTO.—Allotment, Smith-street, abutting on the above.
BRIGHTON le SANDS.—Block of 411 Acres, the Esplanade, late Lady Robinson's Beach, little south of Bay-street.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. By Order of the Mortgagee.
DUBBO.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will offer for sale by auction, at the Rooms, 3a Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 27th MARCH instant, at 11 o'clock, 179 Acres of Freehold Land, under the provisions of the Real Property Act, situate in the county of Gordon, parish of Dubbo, on the Macquarie River, being portions 11 to 15, both inclusive. Further particulars, terms of sale, &c., can be obtained on application to Messrs. CAPE, KENT, and GADEN, Solicitors for the Mortgagee, Commercial Union-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney. (7246)

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 19th March, 1903.
J. HOLLANDER v. CAINS, W. G.

ON FRIDAY, the 27th day of March, 1903, at noon, unless the writ of fieri facias here in be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction at the Saleroom, Supreme Court, Sydney, All the right, title, and interest of W. G. Cains, the defendant herein, of, in, and to all the Goods and Chattels, consisting of Household Furniture and Effects, Piano, &c., said to be on the premises occupied by defendant at Rothermuhna, Murray-street, Bronte, and comprised in Bill of Sale given by the defendant to the N.S.W. Mont de Piete B. and I. Co., Limited, dated 4th March, 1903, registered No. 26,759.
Also, of, in, and to all the Goods and Chattels, comprising Chemist's Drugs, Liquids, and Solids, Fancy and Toilet Goods, and other effects, &c., forming the Stock-in-trade of a Chemist and Druggist, said to be on the premises occupied by the defendant at Avenue-road, Bronte, and comprised in Bill of Sale given by him to HARVEY PERKINS, dated 4th March, 1903, registered No. 26,719.
TERMS, CASH.
C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.
E. KEITH COBBY, Plaintiff's Attorney, 68 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.
PURSER v. PATRONAGE at ROSEHILL. TO-MORROW, Saturday.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2 p.m. VECTIS, SEARLE-STREET, PETERSHAM, off Palace-street, one minute from station, facing railway. SALE by AUCTION, WITHOUT RESERVE. Superb PIANOFORTE, by John Brinsmead and Sons, Iron Frame, Walnut Case. Cost £65 six years ago. A Magnificent Marble CENTRE TABLE, Painted in Flowers. Valued at £20, new. SIDEBOARD, Wardrobe, Carpets, Hallstand, Pictures, Toilets, Timepiece, Fireglass. Several BEDSTEADS, Writing Table. REVOLVING ROCKETAND, with Redding Dunk attached (bought with Encyclo. Britannica). China, Glass, Cutlery, Steps, Kitchen Lots, &c. N.B.—Absolute Sale, as Mrs. Hitch is leaving for W.A. to-morrow.

STRONGMAN and WATSON, Auctioneers. Telephone, 200 Burwood.

CYANIDE v. AIR MOTOR at ROSEHILL. TO-MORROW, Saturday.

TENDERS.

TABLETS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 317 and 320 George-street.

ASPHALT, TRINIDAD, the best of all, less or exempt from nuisance. Patent Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY. ANNUAL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS are hereby invited, up to noon of TUESDAY, 24th March, 1903, for the following contracts of the Borough of Waverley for the municipal year 1903-1904, viz.:—
1. Scavenging work, including collection and removal of house refuse (alternative tenders).
2. Collection and removal of nightsoil.
3. Asphalting (alternative tenders).
4. Kerbing and guttering.
5. Supply of blue metal and metal screenings.
6. Cartage of blue metal.
7. Blacksmith's work.
Specifications may be seen at the Council-chambers during office hours.
The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
JOHN CLUBB, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Waverley, 16th March, 1903.

BRICKS Down at Last.—"CHARLES CAMPBELL" is selling the best New Bricks at 35s per thousand delivered; Portland Cement, Government test, 11s 6d per cask; Lime, 3s 3d per bag. 187 Clarence-street, near Town Hall.

BUILDERS' and General Ironmongery, Galvd. Hoop-iron, damaged, 12s cwt. Macintosh, 307 Pitt-st.

BITUMOUROID, pure Bitumen, portable; cills, cheaper, better than iron or slates. Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

GALVANIZED Corrugated ROOFING IRON.—Charles Campbell is selling all lengths, new and sound, at 30s per foot; also Guttering, Lead, Guttering, &c.; grand 16ft. Builders' Ladders, 12s 6d. 187 Clarence-st., nr. Town Hall.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, Boot and Shoe Importer, 130 Oxford-street, Paddington.

TENDERS are invited for the undermentioned Assets in the above Estate, and will be received at my office until 2.30 p.m. on MONDAY, the 23rd instant:—
STOCK-IN-TRADE and PLANT.
Well-assorted Stock of Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Children's Boots and Shoes £472 12 9
Sundry Dressings, &c. 5 6 5
..... 478 5 2
Plant 22 12 6
..... £500 17 6

The Stock has been carefully taken by my Agent, and can be recommended as being in perfect order, clean, and of good value.
The usual 10 per cent. conditions. The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. Stock Sheets may be seen and all information obtained on the premises or at my office.
ALBERT BURCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 17th March, 1903.

IN the ESTATE of WILLIAM BARTLETT, deceased, who traded at Wongona as a Storekeeper, under the style of Bartlett Brothers.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

TENDERS CLOSE at my office, TO-DAY, at 12 noon, for the purchase of the undermentioned Assets, viz.:—
STOCK-IN-TRADE, consisting of HARDWARE, BOOTS, SHOES, GROCERY, PATENT MEDICINES, DRAPERY and CLOTHING STATIONERY and TOYS £467 18 8½
The Stock-in-Trade is well assorted and in good condition. Stock-sheets may be inspected, and all information obtained at my office, or from the store at Wongona.
The usual deposit of 10 per cent. must accompany each tender. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
TERMS, CASH.
WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Official Assignee.
47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 16th March, 1903.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FORBES. TENDERS FOR GAS WORKS.

TENDERS will be received up to noon of the 14th APRIL for the above work as follows:—
Section No. 1.—For the Plant and Mains complete, delivered on the site at Forbes.
Section No. 2.—For excavation Brickwork and completion of Tanks, Buildings, Foundations, and Retort Benches.
Section No. 3.—Erection Plant and Gas Holder.
Section No. 4.—Main Laying.
Section No. 5.—Fencing and Gates.
Or for the whole complete in one sum.
Plans and Specifications can be seen at the Town Hall, Forbes, or at the Engineer's Office, J. C. ALEXANDER, Equitable-building, Sydney, from whom all information and tender forms may be obtained.
Tenders to be addressed to the Town Council Clerk, Forbes, and marked "Tender for Gas Works."
D. M. KEOWN, Council Clerk.

MINTARO SLATE, unequalled for durability for Verandahs, Noggings, Dwellings, Tanks, Urinals. N.S.W. Marble Mantels and Fenders, Grates, Hearth Tiles, Butchers' Slabs. Creak and Ford, 135 Geo.-st. W. F. 2788.

PAINTERS.—Price Painting, Papering, &c. O'Shea Bros. and Roberts n, No. 2 Flinders-st.

PLASTERERS.—Wanted, Price Plastering and Cement Work, no ceilings. E. J. Lees, Elham Est., Dart. Pt.

SUPPLY OF WOOD BLOCKS.

TENDERS will be received at this office until 1 o'clock p.m. on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, for the supply of not more than 1,500,000 nor less than 1,000,000 Hardwood Blocks.
Specification may be seen at the office of the City Surveyor.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 19th March, 1903.

SAND, 6-ton truck 2s 6d, or by dray anywhere. A. Robinson, from terminus, Waterloo. Tel., 383 New.

SLATES.—Best Purple Hanger and American Cement, Plaster. 16, T. Cross, 195 Cumberland-st. Tel., 4105.

TENDERS will be received up to Noon on TUESDAY NEXT, the 24th March, for the Purchase, whole or in part, of the following:—
STEAM LAUNCH BONITO, Registered Tonnage 34·62 tons.
STEAM LAUNCH SAMUEL AMESS, Registered Tonnage 24·05 tons.
PUNT EARN, 35·06 tons.
The above can be inspected foot of Reynolds-street, near Stephen-street Wharf, Balmain.
The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
FRASER, UTHER, and CO., Auctioneers, City Mart, 8 Spring-street.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the Purchase of the PARA OIL BOX WORKS, Villiers-street, Alexandria, lately carried on by T. Green and Sons, including the residue of a lease of about 6 years, with all Plant and Machinery and Tenants' Improvements. Particulars of the lease, rental, and machinery can be obtained from the undersigned, to whom Tenders must be accompanied by 10 per cent. of amount offered, and to be forwarded on or before the thirty-first day of March, 1903.
ASHER, OLD, and JONES, Solicitors, 17 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

TENDERS for BRICKWORK, labour only. Apply H. Brown, Old Spit-rd., Mosman.

TENDERS for Flooring, also Brickwork, new Residence, Kensington-road, Summer Hill.

TENDERS Wanted for a 4-room W.B. Cott., bldg. and material. William Hay, George-st., North Botany.

TENDERS for Asphalting Yard. 18 Little Napier-st., Paddington, after 10 o'clock.

TENDERS, Alterations on the Property, 207 King-st., Newtown. Plans, etc., J. Nantle, Puppet-st., N'town.

TENDERS invited for Sinking Cottage. Apply 74 Holmwood-st., Newtown.

WANTED, Tenders for Connecting with Sewer, J. Taylor, butcher, The Warren, Illawarra-rd., M'ville.

WANTED to Purchase, 2000 feet second-hand HARDWOOD, 1in., 9in., or 10in. x 7in., long lengths preferred. WILSON'S BRICKWORKS, Gore Hill.

BAKERS' Oven Fittings, Ironwork, Tiles, Lamps, Bricks, Firclay, &c.; Galvanised Iron at lowest rates. Slabs, American, 20 x 10. G. E. CRANE and SONS, Factory and Stores, Fitzroy Corner Quay.

PURSERY, PATRONAGE at ROSEHILL. TO-MORROW, Saturday.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Mr. and Mrs. GOLDSTEIN guarantee to give extreme value for Ladies' and Gents's Clothing of every description. Gold, House Linen, Teeth, Portmanteaus, Trunks, Hats, Boots, Boxes, Furn., &c. All articles bought separate. Please give us one trial. Letters attended to, distance no obj. 176 Bathurst-street.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING. (The Original.) Mr. and Mrs. M. MITCHELL have a great demand for all kinds of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, and also supply other colonies. Ladies and gentlemen can rely on getting the extreme value. Ladies clothing for mourning. Old Teeth, Jewellery, Portmanteaus, Uniforms, Table Linen, Furniture, &c. Letters and parcels attended. Only address, 117 Bathurst-st., city. We send no representatives.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING. Mr. and Mrs. WOOLF, 112 Bathurst-street, city, give the extreme value for every description of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, Portmanteaus, Trunks, Bags, Old Gold, Artificial Teeth, Silver Plate, Linen, Military and Naval Uniforms, Firearms, and every description of portable property purchased for cash. All letters and appointments met with the strictest attention by Mr. or Mrs. WOOLF, 112 Bathurst-street. Distance no object.

WANTED, Iron Office SAFE; maker, John Tann Bellmore preferred. State price and particulars, Box 81, G.P.O.

TUTTON'S Tourist Agency, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.; 10 Queen's-walk, Melb.; and 64 Queen-st., Brisbane.

BAGGING, 5lb. any quantity, highest cash price. Fed. Paper Mills Co., See-lane, Sussex-st.

WANTED, Garden SEATS, Swings, Merry-go-round, Flagstaff.—Brunwald, Ocean-st., Woollahra.

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS, issued 1850 to 1870, price list free. T. H. Nicolle, 14 Hunter-st.

WANTED to Purchase, FURNITURE and Requisites for medium-sized office. Accountant, Herald Office.

BATH-HEATER, see-hd., good condition, fuel or gas, inspection required. State price, Box, Herald Office.

WANTED, second-hand BACK for Midget Photos. Lady Beaudoin, Herald Office.

WANTED to Rent or Buy, a second-hand Invalid CHAIR. Apply 431 King-st., Newtown.

CUTLER DESK, a second-hand. State price, Roberts, South Leichhardt P.O.

WANTED, small COUNTER, about 12ft. Particulars to E. Reed, 38 Walker-st., N. Sydney.

WANTED, COUNTER, 12ft., in left bags, 21s. to 25s. On walk, comp. 317 Parramatta-rd., Leichhardt.

GREAT SOUT v. SIR LEONARD at ROSEHILL. To-MORROW, Saturday.

CYANIDE v. AIR MOTOR at ROSEHILL. To-MORROW, Saturday.

WATSWOOD.—Hawson Singlin Est. Torrens Title. On the Ground, To-MORROW. H. and W., Ltd.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS OF THE KING'S REEF HILL END SYNDICATE

CAPITAL £4400, IN 440 SHARES OF £10 EACH.

MANAGER and TRUSTEE: W. S. JACOB, 6 Ground Floor, Vickery's-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.

SOLICITORS: LEE, COLQUHOUN, and BASSETT, Pitt-street, Sydney.

OBJECTS: The Syndicate is being formed to acquire a certain Gold Lease and certain Gold Lease Applications comprising an area of 25 acres situate at Hill End, Parish of Tambaroora, form a Company, and proceed to systematically work the property.

DEVELOPMENT: A Shaft has been sunk 250ft., and crushings from shaft material and stopes north of shaft, in all 108 tons, have yielded £1000, whilst a new drive south at 250ft. level discloses a rich chute showing gold so freely as to be reminiscent of the early and prosperous days of this famous field. ABOUT a cwt. of specimens from the south drive are on exhibition at the offices of Messrs. JACOB and ROSS, 82 Pitt-street, where they can be seen by intending investors or any persons interested in the future of the field.

AGREEMENTS: The following Agreements have been entered into, and may be inspected at the office of the Manager and Trustee of the Syndicate:—
12th MARCH, 1903.—Agreement of this date between WILLIAM, JOHN C., ALEXANDER, DUNCAN M'L., and W. A. J. MARSHALL and A. LE MESSURIER of the one part, and A. H. ROSS of the other part.
12th MARCH, 1903.—Agreement of this date between W. A. J. MARSHALL and A. LE MESSURIER of the one part, and A. H. ROSS of the other part.
12th MARCH, 1903.—Agreement between A. H. ROSS of the one part, and W. S. JACOB, as Manager and Trustee of the Syndicate, of the other part.
Dated at Sydney this 16th day of March, 1903.

PURE MILK COMBINED WITH WHEAT AND BARLEY MALT.

Full Nourishment, partly predigested. Sterilized.

HORLICK'S MALTED MILK.

THE BEST FOOD FOR INFANTS AND INVALIDS IN ALL CLIMATES.

IN POWDER FORM.

LARGEST SALE IN THE WORLD. KEEPS INDEFINITELY. OF ALL CHEMISTS AND STORES.

A LONG DRINK, "MONTSERRAT" PURE LIME FRUIT JUICE. (TRADE MARK.)
Sole Consignees—EVANS, SONS, LESCHER, and WEBB, Ltd., LONDON and LIVERPOOL.
Agents—Elliott Bros., Ltd., J. Connell and Co., Sydney; D. Cohen and Co., Newcastle.

IT IS QUITE REMARKABLE how Ceylon Tea is coming into favour with ladies who are particular and "faddy" about the flavour of their favourite beverage.
GOLDENIA TEA
GOLDEN A TEA
seems to have just hit the tastes of these fair connoisseurs for something just a little better—a little more delicious in flavour, and a little—very little—higher in price than the ordinary stuff. GOLDENIA TEA is guaranteed Pure Ceylon, with flavour and fragrance ALL ITS OWN.
ALL GROCERS AND STOREKEEPERS.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

WARDEN, Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st., next to G.P.O.

WARDEN, 168 Pitt-st.—Hotel, Illawarra suburb, tkgs. £85 wk., rent £6, hands., furn., fitted, £1250.

WARDEN, 168 Pitt-st.—Hotel, western suburb, mod. dwelling, takings £50, rent £4, price £600.

WARDEN, 168 Pitt-st.—Hotel, city, rent £3, average trade 7 x 36's week, all counter trade, £850.

WARDEN.—Hotel, Paddington, rent £3, bar £36, £400. Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st.

P. V. RYAN and CO., Agents, 8 Post Office-chams., 114A Pitt-st., opposite G.P.O. Telephone, 8086.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, west. sub., furniture worth £1000, tak. £60 wk., no opposition, full price £1250, terms.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, city, in good order, well furnished, 1 9 yrs., rent 70s, 8 x 36's wk., £440.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, city, no Sunday trade, beer avg. 25 x 54's monthly for 5 yrs., 20 yrs.' l., cash £1100.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, sd railway terminus, 11 rms.' l., tks. £50 wkly., billiards, bargain, £350.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, near city, lease 12 yrs., rent £2, trade 4 x 36's, all bar, newly renov., cash £250.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, Oxford-st., 12 yrs., rent 50s, beer 5 x

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

CLAIM AGAINST THE FEDERAL POST-MASTER-GENERAL.

INJURED BY AN ELECTRIC WIRE.

VERDICT FOR £200.

Hannah v. Dalgarno.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Cliness, instructed by Mr. J. B. Frawley, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Robert Hannah, cab proprietor, against James Dalgarno (State Deputy Postmaster-General) as nominal defendant on behalf of the Commonwealth Government to recover £500 compensation for injury sustained by plaintiff, owing, as he alleged, to the negligence of the servants of the defendant on August 9, 1901, in the manipulation of a telephone wire.

The addresses of counsel were resumed and concluded.

His Honor, in summing up, said that the case was altogether outside their ordinary experience. Plaintiff alleged that defendants by their servants conducted themselves so negligently, improperly, and unskilfully in and about the erection, handling, and management of certain telephone wires that one of the wires fell, and after becoming dangerously charged with electricity struck plaintiff and the horse he was driving, and inflicted the injury complained of. The accident, as far as he knew, was an unprecedented one here. Now that the advance of science had rendered electricity adaptable to so many things, and was furnishing the motive power for street cars, the city was encompassed with a multiplicity of wires, which unfortunately increased the danger to the public. But the question in the present case was whether the plaintiff had made out his case. After the evidence tendered on plaintiff's behalf yesterday was closed he refused to grant a nonsuit, in order that defendants might be able to give an explanation, if they could, of an occurrence which, in the absence of such explanation, might justify the assumption of want of care on the part of their servants. That evidence was given, and if the statement of the two line repairers was accepted as correct they never touched the wire, and were in fact out of reach of it when it broke. Mr. Ferguson asked the jury to assume that one man or the other pulled the wire, but there was no evidence of that. It was mere supposition, which the jury were not entitled to act upon; but they were entitled to say whether on the whole case negligence had been proved. If neither of the men touched the wire, and it did not break through unsoundness, then the cause of the accident was inexplicable, for the jury must not assume, in the absence of evidence, that the men were guilty of an act of negligence which would have placed their own lives in as much danger as those of persons passing in the street below. If, however, the jury came to the conclusion that the accident must, of necessity, have happened through negligence, then they would find for the plaintiff with such reasonable damages as they thought he was entitled to.

The jury, after 40 minutes' consideration, returned a verdict for the plaintiff with damages £200.

On the application of Mr. Garland a stay of proceedings until next Term was granted.

ACTION FOR GOODS SOLD AND DELIVERED.

Cook v. Cordner and another.

Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Messrs. Lewis Levy and Fulton, appeared for the plaintiff. The defendants appeared in person. This was an action brought by William Satchell Cook against H. L. Cordner and George N. Rugh, trading as the Sydney Furniture Company, to recover the sum of £40 4s 7d for tweeds and other goods alleged to have been supplied to defendants. The latter denied their indebtedness.

Verdict for the amount claimed.

No. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE. THE FEDERAL TARIFF.

A NONSUIT POINT.

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, v. Weber, Lohmann, and Co.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; and Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., and Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, for the defendants. This was an action brought by the plaintiffs to recover compensation for loss sustained by them owing, as they alleged, to the negligence of the defendants in regard to the passing of entries on goods ex steamer Karlsruhe in consequence of which they had to pay Federal Customs duties to the amount of £990.

The main defence was that the defendants did within a reasonable time after the arrival of the Karlsruhe make the necessary entries, that they exercised due care and diligence in the matter, and that they did not agree with plaintiffs on the terms alleged.

Evidence was continued on behalf of the plaintiffs, and J. T. T. Donohue, of the Customs Department, stated that from the manifest of the Karlsruhe and the entries passed at the Customs he found that defendants passed entries for free goods on October 8, and also for transhipments. There was also a "night" entry for cigars which would not be passed until the goods had been seen and weighed, or the necessary particulars furnished. In cross-examination by Sir Julian Salomons witness stated that the duty on cigars up to 4 o'clock on October 8 was 6s, and after that date the duty was raised by the Federal tariff to 6s 3d and an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent. The new duties had to be collected after 4 o'clock on October 8, but if the weights of the cigars had been ascertained on the 8th they would have passed under the State duty. Upon the Federal Customs Act coming into force it became necessary upon passing entry for dutiable goods to furnish invoices accompanied by a declaration as to their accuracy. Almost every item in the Karlsruhe's manifest was not liable to duty on the 8th, but most of them were dutiable after the Federal tariff was imposed. The entries for a large quantity of the goods ex Karlsruhe were passed after October 8, but a number of them were passed on the 8th.

At the close of the plaintiffs' case Sir Julian Salomons moved for a nonsuit on the following grounds. First, that no consideration was given for the work of passing the entries, and therefore defendants were not responsible except in the event of gross negligence, of which there was no evidence; secondly, that under the Commonwealth Constitution Act a uniform tariff could only be imposed by the Act of the Federal Parliament, and not by the mere proposing or even passing of a resolution in the House of Representatives; thirdly, that there was in fact no breach of contract, and that in any event the payment of the Federal Customs duties by plaintiffs was not a damage which naturally flowed from the act of the defendants in not passing the entries, and therefore, on the authority of the decision in the case of Hadley v. Baxendale, 9 Exchequer, page 341, defendants were not liable.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

RECORD WITHDRAWN.

Mellor v. Parker.

Mr. Rolin appeared for the plaintiff, William Gladstone Mellor, and asked leave to withdraw the record in the action. Mr. Osmond and Mr. Boyce appeared for defendant, the Rev. Thomas Parker, Wesleyan clergyman. The action was one brought by plaintiff against defendant to recover compensation for alleged slander, and in the original action defendant obtained a verdict, but a new trial was ordered.

The application was granted and the record withdrawn.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a special jury of 12.)

A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, v. the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales.

This case had been opened on the previous day, when Mr. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., with him Mr. Adrian Knox and Mr. Macarthur, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Pilcher, K.C., with him Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, appeared for the defendants. Plaintiffs' declaration set out that the Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, said the Railway Commissioners as being the constructing authorities under the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1900 for that the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council in accordance with the Public Works Act, by a notification published in the "Government Gazette" of July 12, 1901, declared that certain lands were resumed for the purpose of carrying out certain grade improvements in the Great Northern Railway at Teralba. Plaintiffs claimed that the defendants were not entitled by this resumption to the minerals existing under the resumed lands, but that the plaintiffs were at the date of the proclamation or notification the lessees of the land, and as such were entitled to all the mines, beds, veins, and seams of coal, shale, and minerals of a similar character existing under the land that was resumed. Plaintiffs stated that in pursuance of the provisions of the Public Works Act they served upon the defendants a notice in writing that they proposed to work the mines and minerals lying under the land resumed and under the land adjoining the boundary of the resumed area within 40 yards of that boundary. Defendants thereupon, in pursuance of section 135 of the Act, notified the plaintiffs that they must not proceed with the mining operations they proposed except to such an approved extent as might be necessary to connect their present workings with fields beyond the resumed lands; therefore the plaintiffs were unable to work those mines, and they became entitled to compensation in respect of all damage done to them in consequence of the resumption. Defendants notified plaintiffs that they were willing to pay them £2000, which sum the plaintiffs refused to accept. The matter was referred to arbitration, and plaintiffs claimed £25,000. The arbitrators were the Hon. F. T. Humphery, M.L.C., and Mr. Isaac Chapman, and they awarded plaintiffs a sum of £18,400. Defendants were dissatisfied with this award and declined to pay it, and desired to have the amount of compensation settled by a jury and plaintiffs accordingly brought this action, claiming £30,000 damages.

The defendants' statement of defence was that the sum so awarded exceeded the amount of compensation to which the plaintiffs were entitled.

When the Court resumed this morning, it was stated by counsel that the evidence of Mr. John Archibald Neilson, the manager of the mine, and who was the first witness called by plaintiffs, would not be proceeded with at once, as it was desirable that certain plans should be produced before he re-entered the box.

The evidence of Thomas Parton, consulting mining engineer, Robert Durie, manager at Messrs. Brown's Duckenfield colliery, and Joseph Croft, manager of the Newcastle Mining Company's A and B pits, was then taken on behalf of plaintiffs. The cross-examination of the last-named witness by Mr. Reid was not concluded when the Court adjourned. It went to show the quality and estimated quantity of the coal which exists in the prohibited area together with the thickness of the seam and the gross amount of coal which the prohibited area contains and its probable productiveness.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

DISPUTED CLAIM FOR LAND. TITLE CERTIFICATE SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED.

Hamilton and another v. Iredale.

Mr. Knox and Mr. Newnham, instructed by Messrs. Rand and Drew, appeared for the plaintiffs, Robert Hamilton and John Hamilton; Mr. Street and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. W. M. Barker, for the defendant, Lancelot Frederick Uther Iredale. This was a suit by plaintiffs to have it declared that, notwithstanding that certain land of which they claimed ownership was included in defendant's certificate of title, they were the real owners. The land in question was part of a Crown grant of 90 acres in Newtown, made in 1799. It came into the hands of Bernard Roehfort, who, in 1830, sold 12 acres, afterwards known as the Gowrie Estate, to James Scott, and in 1831 sold another portion, afterwards known as the Islington Estate, to the Rev. George Erskine, who sold to Iredale's father. In 1868 defendant became the registered proprietor of his father's land, but the title issued to him included a triangular piece, which is also included in the title to the lands in the Gowrie Estate. Thus plaintiffs showed by documentary title that the piece in dispute had devolved on them and argued that it could therefore not have come to defendant properly. Defendant said it was immaterial how he got the land. He had been in possession of it for over 30 years and all that was material was that it was in the certificate of title which was issued to him. Argument and evidence extended over some days.

Mr. Justice Simpson now gave judgment. He said there were two main points in the case: first, had the plaintiffs shown a good title to the land in dispute; second, if they had were they barred from recovering the same by the defendant Iredale's certificate of title, which was issued to him on February 4, 1868. Plaintiffs' title began in a Crown grant dated October 8, 1799, of 90 acres to Nicholas Devine. In 1827 Devine conveyed to Bernard Rochfort. In 1830 Rochfort conveyed 12 acres to James Scott and that 12 acres was afterwards known as the Gowrie Estate. In 1831 Rochfort conveyed to George Erskine another portion of the 90 acres described as commencing at the south-west corner of Scott's land. The land so conveyed to Erskine was afterwards known as the Islington Estate. The south boundary of the Gowrie Estate and the north boundary of the Islington Estate was the same straight line. The defendant's case was that the southern boundary of Scott's land became shifted, and that he obtained a title by possession to a triangular piece of land, and in 1868 became the registered proprietor of it. Subsequently plaintiffs' title was dedicated from James Scott. They did not claim the whole of the triangular piece, but a part thereof. They claimed as mortgagees in possession. He (the Judge) was satisfied that the plaintiffs had shown a good documentary title to the land in dispute, but was that title ousted in 1898 (1) by a good possessory title in the defendant Iredale, or (2) by his certificate of title. In his application to bring the land under the Real Property Act defendant applied in respect of two separate pieces. The declaration stated that there was no person in possession or occupation of the land adversely to Iredale's interest. In one declaration put in Mrs. Erskine referred to the possession of the triangular piece of land, and she said, "My husband, the Rev. George Erskine, was the owner of the land designated as Islington, and also the owner of the Erskineville Estate adjoining. The Islington Estate was sold by my husband to the late Mr. Iredale more than 50 years ago. The triangular piece question was included in this sale. We believe that Mr. Iredale fenced in the southern boundary of the land upon the termination of a dispute which he had with Mr. Myles, who subsequently purchased the Islington Estate." A reference to the conveyance showed, however, that the sale did not include the triangular piece, and other exhibits showed that the triangular piece was never conveyed to Erskine and consequently he was not the owner of it. What evidence the Examiner of Titles or Registrar-General may have obtained on their inquiries was not in the title of defendant but he (Mr. Justice Simpson) did not know, but from the evidence before the Court he was satisfied that defendant Iredale showed no title to the triangular piece of land included in his application and that the certificate in respect of that piece was issued to him in error. Now, the second or more difficult question remained whether plaintiffs' title was barred by the issue of the certificate. No doubt it sounded startling to ask the Court to cancel or alter a certificate issued 35 years ago, but the startling effect was diminished when it was borne in mind that the defendant Iredale admitted that he had never been in possession of the land claimed by the plaintiffs, or exercised any act of ownership over it, or set up any claim to it till November, 1901, while plaintiffs and their predecessors had been in undisturbed possession for between 20 and 30 years, and had erected houses and other improvements on the property. However, if an Act of Parliament gave to defendant land which in his Honor's opinion never belonged to him, he was of course entitled to keep it so far as the Court was concerned. Section 33 of the R.P. Act, 1862, made a certificate conclusive evidence of title, and conclusive evidence that the land had been duly brought under the Act. Section 40, which must be read with section 33, excepted cases of fraud—fraud that not charged here—and certain cases of which the one material in this matter referred to misdescription of parcels or boundaries. Section 115 sub-section 5 also bore on the matter. Mr. Street had strongly impressed on him that this was not a case of wrong description of parcels or boundaries, that the examiner of titles may have made an error in thinking that the applicant had proved his titles when he had not, but that he had sufficiently described the land he had applied for, and the certificate was issued for the land so described; that in short there can only be said to be misdescription where the certificate includes land not within the description in the application. His Honor referred to the judgment in Marsden v. M'Alister, 8 N.S.W. R. 390; Rourke v. Schweikert, 9 N.S.W. Eq. 152; and Hay v. Solling, 16 N.S.W. R. 60. The cases seemed to show that if land belonging to B was erroneously included in A's certificate the certificate might be amended by the Court as stated by the Chief Justice in Rourke v. Schweikert (page 164). His Honor thought that the certificate did, in a narrow sense, contain a misdescription of parcels and boundaries. It described the northern boundary as the southern boundary of Scott's land, which was a fenced line, and His Honor did not think it was such. He thought, therefore, the plaintiffs were entitled to have the certificate altered so as to exclude the land claimed by them. The lapse of time in the case was not material, as nothing had occurred to alter the defendant's position. However, if defendant's contention was correct his case in no way depended on the lapse of time. If the Registrar-General could by mistake grant to A a certificate of title to land which in part belongs to B, depriving B of his land, B would be in no better position the day after the certificate was issued than after the lapse of 30 years. In the present case the plaintiffs if they could not impeach the certificate, could not bring any action for damages under section 117 or 119, for section 122 would be a bar. Defendant was ordered to pay the costs.

A FELT HATTER'S DIFFICULTY.

UNIONISTS OPPOSE HIS EMPLOYMENT.

Slattery v. Keir and others.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. W. H. Drew, appeared for the plaintiff, William Slattery; and Mr. Lingen, instructed by Mr. E. H. Gardiner, for the defendants, Stephen Keir, George Shelmerdine, and Henry Eastwood. This was a claim by plaintiff to restrain defendants and others from inducing or conspiring to induce John Anderson, manager of the Sydney Hat Manufacturing Company's factory, not to employ him, and for damages. The claim and answer have already been published.

Further evidence in the matter was taken, and the case stands part heard.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson, Judge in Divorce.)

FAIRBAIRN v. FAIRBAIRN.

Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Mr. Gardiner, appeared for the petitioner, Mary Jemima Fairbairn; Mr. A. Thompson, instructed by Mr. Dickson, appeared for the respondent, Frederick Thomas Fairbairn. Petitioner sought a dissolution of her marriage with the respondent, and charged him with misbehaviour with a woman whose name was mentioned in the petition.

The respondent counter-charged misbehaviour on the part of his wife, and petitioned for a divorce from her. The parties were married by the registrar at Petersham on May 28, 1884. The petitioner stated that she had never had a very happy married life. Some time after the marriage the respondent left her and went into lodgings at Croydon, and the petitioner went to work. The alleged misconduct occurred while the respondent was in these lodgings.

The respondent, Frederick Thomas Fairbairn, said he was a breadcarter, in the employment of his mother. He lived happily with his wife until about five years ago, and in 1899 he charged her with impropriety. He denied that he had been guilty of misconduct with the woman named in the petition.

His Honor, having heard the evidence and counsel in argument, found in favour of the petitioner, and refused the prayer of the respondent. He granted the rule nisi as asked by petitioner, making it returnable in three months; respondent to pay petitioner's costs of suit.

HILL v. HILL.

Mr. Noble, instructed by Mr. H. A. Moss, appeared for the petitioner, Hugh Hill, a ship's steward, who asked for a dissolution of his marriage with Clara Hill (formerly James) on the ground of desertion. The respondent did not appear. The evidence showed that the parties were married on September 19, 1893, according to the rites of the Church of England, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst. The desertion took place on March 16, 1897. His Honor, having heard the evidence, granted a decree nisi, making it returnable in six months.

EDWARDS v. EDWARDS.

Mr. P. K. White, instructed by Mr. J. W. Abigail, appeared for the petitioner, Albert George Edwards, a police officer, who sought a divorce from his wife, Frances Edwards (formerly Harbord), on the ground of desertion. Respondent had filed an answer to the petition, but did not appear. The parties were married on April 21, 1898, at Paddington according to the forms of the Wesleyan Church. Petitioner stated in evidence that on May 25, 1899, the respondent deserted him. His Honor granted the decree nisi, to be moved absolute in three months.

CONN v. CONN.

Mr. Kershaw appeared for the petitioner, Rose Conn (formerly Smith), who asked for a divorce from her husband, Alfred Henry Conn, who, when they were married at Parramatta in December, 1883 according to the forms of the Anglican Church, was described as a bootmaker. The grounds of the petition were drunkenness and cruelty. Respondent appeared in person, and denied the allegations contained in the petition. The evidence was not concluded when the Court adjourned.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, president, and Messrs. W. D. Crucksnank and S. Smith, members.)

DISPUTE IN THE TAILORING TRADE.

In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Amalgamated Journeymen Tailors' Association of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Master Tailors' Association, industrial union of employers, respondent.

Mr. G. S. Beeby, of Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the claimant association, and Mr. Alfred Nathan, of Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the respondent association.

The statement of claim has already been published. The evidence of workshop hands called on behalf of the claimants was continued, and the case stands part heard.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, March 20.

Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Cannbell v. Dare, Brown, Joske, and Co., Limited, v. Toser, Murray v. Thomson, Fielding v. Railway Commissioners.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, v. Weber, Lohmann, and Co., Limited (part heard). At 11 a.m.: Dawson v. Railway Commissioners, J. T. and J. Tocher, Limited v. Hamilton, Warner v. Railway Commissioners. Notice—Jurymen in attendance at No. 1 Jury Court, together with those engaged in the above part heard case, need not attend until 11 a.m.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company v. Railway Commissioners (part heard).

Before the Prothonotary.—In re application of M. S. Lester under Married Women's Property Act, 10.30. Before the Chief Clerk.—Lawler v. Lawler, 2.15.

Chamber Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Chase v. Sullivan, change of venue; Hoe v. Lee, for costs, &c.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce in No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10: Conn v. Conn (part heard) and hearing of causes.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally—Minister for Works and claim of Mackey and others, petition for payment out; Godfrey v. Godfrey, motion for attachment and motion for injunction; Keating v. Keating, motion for injunction; Minister for Works and Macdonald and Trustee Act, 1898, petition for appointment of new trustees and for payment out; Wong Ch'ilum v. Sing Chung Chinese Gardens, for leave to close premises; George Milne and others, indenture of a Trustee Act, 1898, motion for vesting order; in the matter of Roman Catholic Church at Port Macquarie, New South Wales, and 9 George III., chapter 83, petition for leave to sell; Bell v. Neill, motion for decree; Hankins v. Fletcher, motion for decree; re E. A. K. Dewhurst and others, infants, summons for appointment of guardian and for maintenance; Cook v. Davis, motion for decree; Ramsay v. Ramsay, motion for decree; re J. P. Act, petition for payment out; re will of F. J. Appleby and Trustee Act, motion to appoint new trustees.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and lunacy matters. At 12 noon: Robinson v. Robinson, to proceed on inquiry. At 2 p.m.: Plomley v. Shepherd, to settle certificate. At 2.30 p.m.: Laurie v. Laurie, to settle minutes or order; Langdon v. Folstead, to settle draft certificate. At 3 p.m.: Thos. Prendergast, deceased, and conveyancing Act, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Bank of New South Wales v. Henry, to tax costs. At 12 noon: States Machinery Company and Companies Act, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: O'Brien, deceased, and Legal Practitioners Act, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge.—At 10.30: Motions for probate and administration, motions to pass accounts and for commons, motions to sell real estate, miscellaneous motion. Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: Tristram Bowd, 10.30; Joseph E. Moss, 11; Jacob E. Moss, 11.5; Alice Freud, 11.15; Francis Wilson, 11.30; James Bowland, 11.45; John O'Neill, 12; Cath. I. Newton, 12.15. Before the Registrar.—To proceed and directions: Jane Ann Inch, 2.30.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 10 a.m.: Re John Dixon, single meeting and public examination. At 11 a.m.: Hearing of creditor's petition, Annie Ryall v. Mary Boyle. Examinations section 30: Gersen Tashma, Rebecca Dania, John William Warren and Thomas James Alger, Sydney Edward Gregory and David James Noonan, and also single meeting. At 10.30 a.m.: Re Fanny Warren, examination section 30.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

No. 4 Court, Supreme Courthouse, King-street, Sydney.—Friday, March 20, 1903.—Before the President and Members, at 10 a.m.—For hearing: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Amalgamated Journeymen Tailors' Association of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Master Tailors' Association, industrial union of employers, respondent (part heard).

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, March 20.

(Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, at 10 a.m.)

Motions generally: Collins v. Morrissey, Commissioners of Taxation v. Smith, same v. Smith, Ryan v. Bell.

(Before the Registrar.)

Duross sts. King, 10.30: Selfe v. Johnson, 10.45; Brodribb sts. Tighe, 11; Booker v. Rich, 11.30; Lumley v. Millett, 11.45.

POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, Arthur Strachan, 24, a ship's steward, was charged before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., with having wounded Elsie Violet Cooper, on March 11, with intent to murder her. It was stated that the young lady mentioned was still in an unfit state to give evidence and on the application of Senior-constable Macintosh, a remand for one week was granted.

CRUELLY ILLTREATING HORSES.

At the Paddington Charge Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Paviett, S.M., John M'Donald, aged 36, labourer, was charged with cruelly illtreating two horses by working them whilst in an unfit state. Constable Bravne, of the Paddington police, arrested the accused at Double Bay. The horses were being driven by him, and had sore shoulders. The S.M. imposed a fine of 10s in each case, or in default four days' imprisonment with hard labour. Wilson Quinn, contractor, was also charged, as owner of the horses, for causing the animals to be used whilst in the condition complained of. He was fined for each horse £1, or in default seven days' imprisonment.

AN ASSAULT.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Albert Hall, aged 18, and Ernest Laurence Duffy, aged 19, were charged with having assaulted James Peachan at Darlington on March 3. Newham stated that he was sitting on a doorstep in Calder-street, Darlington. The two accused came along and said, "Here he is," and made a blow at him and missed him. As he was trying to get up he was kicked over the eye and over the forehead. He staggered down the street, and then said to Duffy, "What is this for?" Duffy did not reply. The two accused had followed him. Hall rushed over and made a blow at witness, but missed him. He (witness) tripped and fell, and grabbed hold of Hall's leg to hide his face from protection. Duffy again kicked him in the side, and made him let go Hall's leg, whereupon Hall kicked him twice in the ribs. The defence was that Hall wished to prevent Needham having anything to say to his (Hall's) sister, and that caused a disturbance, and a general fight followed. Mr. Smithers convicted the accused. Each of the accused was fined £3, in default imprisonment for one month. An application for time to pay being made, Mr. Smithers said he would not make it too easy for the accused, but would allow them a few days to find the money.

BOATSHED THEFTS.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., Cecil Anderson, 19, a carter, was charged with stealing at North Sydney on March 14 a half-sovereign, the property of Nigel Pitt, and 3s, the property of Newman Humphries. It was stated that the money was taken from the pockets of the clothes of the prosecutors, which were temporarily left in a boatshed at the foot of Willoughby-street. Accused, who pleaded guilty, was fined £5, or in default two months' imprisonment with hard labour. Two months were allowed in which to pay the fine upon the accused finding the necessary security. At the same court John Scott, 18, a steward, was charged with stealing on March 15 a pair of boots and a pair of socks, of the value of 8s 6d, the property of Alfred William Kendall, and 3s, the property of Stanley Jones. It was in this case stated that the articles were taken from the North Shore Rowing Club's shed at the foot of Willoughby-street. Accused pleaded guilty, and was fined £3, or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour. One month was allowed for payment of the fine upon finding the necessary security.

ALLEGED THEFT OF AMALGAM.

John Darnell, 40, engine driver, on remand, was charged at the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. John L. King, D.S.M., with stealing during the month of October, 1902, at Reno, near Gundagai, a quantity of gold amalgam, mining tools, and quicksilver, value in all £771, the property of Howell's Consolidated Gold-mining, Limited. The accused was remanded till the 26th instant, when it was stated an application would be made for a remand to Gundagai. Bail was allowed as before.

KEEPING HOTEL OPEN ON SUNDAY.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Daniel Hanman, licensee of the Victoria Hotel, Young-street, Annandale, was charged that he on Sunday, 8th instant, kept his licensed premises open for the sale of liquor to persons other than lodgers, inmates, or travellers. Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was fined £3 and costs, in default imprisonment for 14 days.

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REV. E. TREMAYNE DUNSTAN.

EXAMINATION IN BANKRUPTCY.

HIS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

DEALINGS WITH MONEY-LENDERS.

The Rev. Edward Tremayne Dunstan, whose estate was compulsorily sequestrated last month on the petition of Lydia Abigail Woodford and Thomas Ernest Rofe, was examined by the official assignee, Mr. W. H. Palmer, before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry, in the Bankruptcy Court yesterday. There was a large attendance in the court.

In reply to Mr. Palmer Mr. Dunstan stated that he had never been bankrupt before, nor had he ever assigned his estate for the benefit of his creditors. He had never made a composition personally, but while in Perth, Western Australia, a composition was made by the deacons of his church in respect to his newspaper the "Sentinel" and the High School which he was conducting.

You are described as a clerk in Holy orders; how long have you been that?—I have been in the ministry since 1879, 23 years ago. Further questioned, witness said that his age was 42. He was trained in the Richmond Wesley Theological College, Surrey. He was a Wesleyan minister for two years, then he had a Union church in South Africa for a year, after which he became a Congregational minister, and came to Trinity Church, Perth, Western Australia, 14½ years ago in response to an invitation. His stipend when he arrived was £200 per annum, and it was increased from time to time until it reached £400 after six years' ministry. He received a call to the Pitt-street Congregational Church, Sydney, in 1894. His stipend at the beginning was £500. Increases were granted periodically, until last year he was paid at the rate of £750 per annum.

What is the cause of your bankruptcy?—I was in debt when I landed in Western Australia, nearly £100, through having to pay part of my family's expenses out. I borrowed part of the money from my father.

And from that date to this I take it you have got deeper and deeper into debt?—Yes.

Until at the present time you owe over £3000?—Yes. I attribute my bankruptcy to the fact that in my difficulty I have been paying large sums at high rates of interest, the payments of which crippled me. Bankrupt said that he was married man with seven children. To the best of his ability the accounts filed showed a true statement of his receipts and payments for the last two years. His life was insured in the A.M.P. Society for £1000. The policy was mortgaged to Mr. Kemsley on a first charge, and to Mr. Rofe on a second charge. He prepared his accounts with assistance, and they were made up from the butts of his cheque books and bank books with the aid of claims sent in. He was in the habit of drawing cheques marked "self" for payment of household and personal expenses.

Mr. Palmer intimated that that was all he desired to ask witness at the present juncture.

Examined by Mr. T. E. Rofe, one of the unsecured creditors, witness stated that the accounts filed did not include "exchanges"—cheques drawn by him and exchanged for cash. Sometimes servants' wages were paid out of this money.

Does not your two years' statement show payments to your servants?—Yes.

Does your statement show the moneys that you borrowed?—No; I could not give the amounts.

Witness thought that the statement showed all the payments out during the two years. A cheque for £29 10s drawn on February 26, 1901, did not appear because it was one of his "exchanges." A cheque drawn on February 26, 1901, for £10, in favour of Mr. Kemsley, was left out because he had to leave the loans out of the statement. Another cheque for £20 on February 27, 1901, in favour of Mr. Lance, was also omitted because it was an "exchange"; likewise an amount of £13 on the same date. An amount of £4 on March 1, 1901, in favour of Miss Elliott, was not shown because it appeared under the head of charities.

Mr. Rofe (to the Registrar): It is impossible to examine bankrupt as you see on this statement, as it is not complete. To bankrupt: As a matter of fact, does not your passbooks show, extending over a period of about seven years, receipts totalling nearly £18,000, and on the other hand a sum almost equal to that paid out?—Probably so.

Yes or no, your statement of affairs, dated February 16, leaves out an amount of £10 10s 1d, owing to the treasurer of Newington College?—If it does it is purely accidental.

Is an amount for £196 due to T. A. Reddall included?—I do not think it is. It is purely an error in transcription, nothing else.

Yet it appears in the items attached to your affidavit?—Yes.

Witness said that he owed Mrs. Woodford £316 6s. He had read her affidavit as to how the debt was incurred, and it was true. She had borrowed first £200, agreeing to pay £5 on the first day of each month until the whole amount was paid, and he agreed to transfer all his interest in the furniture and effects to her until amount was liquidated with interest, and to deposit an insurance policy for £500. He signed the agreement, but Mrs Woodford expressly set aside the clause dealing with the furniture, and she showed that by lending him more money later without any bill of sale.

How long did you keep the premiums paid on the life policy?—I do not know.

Is it not a fact that you only paid the premium for one quarter?—I do not know.

Do you not know that that policy lapsed immediately after the first quarter?—I do not know; it was six years ago.

Bankrupt, further examined, said that he borrowed another £50 from Mrs. Woodford in August, 1898, and probably £80 on January 11, 1899, but he had been making repayments all the time.

And the security this lady had was not worth a snap of the finger?—No; that was not so.

You had from this lady nearly £400?—Yes, but I paid about £100 back.

You read her affidavit; do you know that the total amount she received was £24?—Then why did she make her account out for £400?

Is it not a fact that you forced her to enter into an agreement on January 19, 1902?—I did nothing of the kind. Mr. Johnson, acting with Mr. Pratt, made that arrangement. They took charge of my financial affairs.

Were not Messrs. Johnson and Pratt trying to arrange a compromise with your creditors?—They were trying to arrange for time.

The Registrar: As your agents?

Bankrupt: I am not responsible for anything that Mr. Johnson may have stated.

Continuing, he said that he had written to various creditors regarding the proposed deed of assignment. He did not write to Mr. Rofe, and he considered he was perfectly justified in not writing to anyone who wanted to absolutely ruin him. He had borrowed £100 from Mr. Peter Mathieson in March, 1902, through the representationof Messrs. Goulding and Johnson, who knew his difficulty. The security was personal. He (bankrupt) lodged £10 per month out of his salary to repay the amount. He thought he also gave an A.M.P. policy as security. The policy lapsed. About three premiums he thought he had been paid.

How long before March, 1902, had your salary been anticipated also?—My salary was always overdrawn about a quarter.

Did you not on July 13, the day before your departure from New South Wales, get from the treasurer of the church £10, and was not that the £10 remaining in respect to your August salary?—There was nothing remaining.

Bankrupt said that Mr. Goulding, the treasurer, did not tell him that the £10 was held by him as due to Mr. Mathieson. It was not a fact that Mr. Goulding said that he could not give it out of church moneys. Mr. Goulding gave him the cheque without being pressed. He owed Mrs. Mary Moyse £250 from about November, 1900. The security was personal, and she asked him to take out an insurance policy in case anything should happen to him. He did not think that he gave her at the time a receipt for the final premium on a policy. He believed he only renewed the premium once.

And left that lady without any security? Except my position.

Had not your position been pledged for years past? Is it not a fact that you had made arrangements to pay out of your salary year by year payments to creditors, leaving you only £5 per week? Were you not at the time you borrowed the money from Mrs. Moyse insolvent?—Yes.

Bankruptcy in reply to the Registrar, stated that his account at the bank was always overdrawn. He was then examined regarding £'50, which he admitted had been advanced him by the church to pay tradesmen's bills.

Mr. Rofe: In your statement of affairs you show your indebtedness to Pitt-street church as £81. As a matter of fact, do you not owe the church the £150, an amount of £72 4s 2d due in respect to the "Watchman" newspaper, August salary £62 10s, and an advance additional of £100 10s?—No; I do not.

Witness denied that he borrowed money from Mrs. Moyse in May, 1902, on the distinct representation that as the church was being alienated the deacons could not pay his salary. He told her that he needed the money to send his family home. He gave Mrs. Moyse two cheques—one for £26, and the other for £25—and told her not to pay the cheques in until he reported it was all right. He wrote to Mrs. Moyse before he left Sydney regretting his inability to pay her. A week before his departure, he admitted, he exchanged his cheque for £21 with Nelson and Callan for 20 sovereigns. He had had frequent transactions with that firm. The cheque had not been paid yet. He denied that he was premeditating a departure on July 7. It was an absolute falsehood to say that before this date he had sent to America or out of the State his lantern or slides. He received £10 from Fish and Packer before he left.

Mr. Rofe: You owe Pitt-street church £343 7s 3d?—No; I do not. I have an offset. Witness denied that he owed Mr. Pratt £52 11s 11d, an amount which he guaranteed in respect to the "Watchman." The amount, he contended, was taken over by the church.

Did Mr. Pratt or Mr. Barraclough know that the "Watchman" bank account was simply one used by you for your own private affairs, and that from time to time you paid in the proceeds of promissory notes discounted, &c.?—I think so. Bankrupt said he did not know that Mr. George Playfair, who was a creditor, and who had been living at bankrupt's house, was only getting 30s per week. When he borrowed the £100 he believed he gave him a promissory note, and told him if anything should happen to him to sell his piano and desk. When witness sold these articles he gave Mr. Playfair £20. He owed £115 10s to that gentleman, who said that he had no use for the cash.

You gave Fish and Packer, A. N. Jonsen, Nelson and Callan, Dalwood and Co. cheques in exchange for their hard cash shortly before your departure although you had no money in the bank to meet them?—They knew that perfectly well because they were loans on post-dated cheques.

The Registrar:

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE WHEAT-SOWING SEASON.

The ploughing and sowing season, always an anxious and arduous period for wheat-growers, is, this year, beset with unusual difficulties. As a general rule, the farmers are not favoured by seasonable ploughing rains; in fact, the two or three inches required to render the soil easily workable rarely descend in February or the early part of March, when they would render the best of service. No prudent grower within our principal wheat-producing districts waits for sufficient rain to soak the land before setting his teams to work. To do so would involve a great risk of having to sow very late, for the rains cannot be relied upon to arrive before April, while in many years they are not at hand till much later. The farmer who waits and rushes his crop in during June and on into July may be able to work his land easily, and may even be assured of good germination. But the inevitable outcome is slow, late growth, and weak plants, which must depend upon the rare occurrence of very late spring or early summer rains. It is true that in occasional years such falls bring the very late crops on in a remarkable manner, and profitable yields of an exceptionable sample are the result of the beneficent influence of moisture descending exactly, as it were, to order. But the agriculturist does not adapt his operations to the conditions of the phenomenal season. The law of chances decides that he must farm to suit the average year, and in the average year only such wheat crops as are sown before June have a proper chance of returning a fair profit on the outlay of the grower.

TROUBLES OF THE PLOUGHMAN.

In such circumstances it is necessary that ploughing should begin at the most unfavourable period of the year. The land is nearly always hard in February and March; the typical wheat soil of the great alluvial belts is turned up in huge clods by the ploughs, and a proper seed bed for the grain is prepared only by the use of the heavy roller and the harrows. The heat is intense and the dust and flies troublesome. Horses sweat freely, and chafe so that sore shoulders are among the minor tribulations of the farmer. The animals also suffer from colds and other troubles, and the men who toil at daylight and cease ploughing at sunset are liable to attacks of sickness. Added to these worries is the uncertainty of the rainfall, which renders the question when to sow very difficult to decide. In order to get a large crop into the soil in proper time a risk of faulty germination must be incurred. Frequently the grain germinates and the bud dies from lack of sufficient moisture to sustain its growth, and there have been seasons in which the seed wheat has rotted without germinating. Such are the troubles of the wheat-grower in ordinary years. Usually he is able to combat these opposing circumstances. There are reserves of food for the horses, maple seed wheat, and water in the tanks or the wells. With plenty of feed and teams in good order an experienced wheat-farmer can keep his teams going, and with up-to-date implements make quick work of planting a crop, despite heat, dust, flies, sore shoulders, and colic. This year, however, a large majority of growers have been left almost resourceless by the consequences of the drought. The teams have been in a wretched condition, the little feed that was grown late season has mainly gone to keep a percentage of strong stock from dying right out. The water supply has been very short, and carting water and driving stock to tanks have in some districts absorbed a great deal of valuable time. Many farms did not produce last season sufficient seed for this year's crop, and ploughing for a crop is a hopeless task when there is no seed in the barn. Some tardy assistance is being given by the Government, but the actual service to the farmers through the distribution of seed wheat by the State is in very small proportion to the immense volume of talk poured out by Ministers upon the subject.

THE OUTLOOK.

Despite all their adversities, however, the wheat-farmers are again going for the gloves. Our country correspondents' reports since the middle of February have shown that every acre that can be turned over will be ploughed and sown, and while it is possible that there will be a considerable reduction in the total area of wheat as compared with the record year 1901, there will probably be sufficient to bring a great recovery to the industry should the season prove favourable up to harvest. The prospects of the crops now being sown in some districts have been improved of recent showers. About Wagga and in other parts of Riverina there have been some useful light rains, while the Cowra district is reported to be in very good condition. On the contrary, Parkes and Forbes, and the country between Parkes and the main western line, are examples of the desolation which is being faced by the big-hearted men who are determined to save their homes and hold their lands while hard labour and submission to privation can be in the least effective. A very serious phase of the disastrous condition of affairs set up by the drought, which during seven years gradually tightened its grip of the wheat districts, has been created by the fact that the settlers were mainly newcomers. Between the taking up of new unimproved land and the point when the farmers have made sufficient to enable them to withstand a few bad seasons, is a long lane. Should the bad seasons come before the turn in the lane is reached the settlers have to struggle valiantly to keep their grip on the land, and while that struggle is going forward it is impossible to greatly improve their methods or agricultural practice. We may hope that a return of good seasons will enable the wheat-farmers to establish themselves so that many of the risks and difficulties of the present may be forestalled. The best plan to ensure a satisfactory sowing season under the average climatic conditions of this State is to fallow as much land as possible in the winter and spring. This practice sweetens and cleanses the soil, and makes every acre fallowed available for sowing at a proper period.

AUSTRALASIAN PRODUCTS ABROAD.

BUTTER.

LONDON, February 13.

The Orontes and Himalaya brought 365cwt. of butter from New South Wales, which makes the arrival since October last of butter from the State equal to 43cwt., against 35,000cwt. same time last year. From the Commonwealth, as a whole, the quantity to hand to date is 990cwt., against 145,000cwt. for 1902; and from New Zealand we have received 82,600cwt., against 64,000 which had arrived by February 13 last year. The price for choicest quality Australasian butter is 98s to 100s per cwt. It will thus be seen that we are 12s under the 1902 prices, notwithstanding the insignificant volume of Australian butter offering. As to Australian butter there is too little on the spot to attract buyers, and the position of the New Zealand butter market is difficult to explain. Our butter market is one in which buyers desire to be able to handle large quantities of uniform goods, and to be assured that there will be no failure in the supply in the winter season. The restricted volume offering from Australasia this season has caused many ordinary purchasers to stand aloof and not rely upon butter from that quarter. Notwithstanding that Australasia has fallen so wofully short we see that with few exceptions the table of imports of butter week by week shows the plus sign. Messrs. Weddel's butter circular indicates roughly an advance of 30,000cwt. from November 1 to present date—colonies and foreign countries. It is wonderful to note how sharply the foreigner keeps his eye fixed on the free markets of the British Isles; any substantial falling off of a large supplier of meat, butter, &c., is noted, and in come increased quantities from some country to make up. It is not Siberia that is doing big business with us in butter at the present moment, it is Holland and France which show increases just lately.

It is said all over Tooley-street that the butter coming this season from Australia was stored prior to shipment, and that, in consequence, it is not quite so fresh as it might be. Another new feature to be noted is the fact that it is coming hard frozen; hung in such small volume, butter boxes are put in the meat chamber, whereas in former years special chambers were reserved for butter, which was carried at about 25 to 34 degrees. The butter from New Zealand is always carried frozen, and the advantage of keeping it at the comparatively high temperatures named is, if anything at all, of very slight moment.

Of cheese, nothing this season has arrived from Australia.

FROZEN MEAT.

Australia is coming forward very well with meat exports to this country, taking into consideration her depleted flocks. We have received 20,000 carcases of mutton and 90,000 lambs from the Commonwealth since the beginning of the year, though in the matter of beef there is no filling off. No mutton has come from New South Wales, Victoria being the shipper. Mutton from this State is quoted this week at 3s 7d to 3s 8d per stone. Australian lambs 3s 4d to 3s 8d, and beef (Queensland) 3s 6d and 2s 1d per stone respectively, fore and hind quarters. We are now on a falling market, one that will be certain to develop possibly dangerously low prices as the year wears along. Every supplier—putting aside Australia—is pretty certain to ship heavily during 1903, and the high prices of the last six months have brought in other competitors—notably the United States—with their frozen mutton.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCE.

The year has opened badly for frozen rabbits and hares. A great block of English rabbits is on the market, interfering with the realisation of the Australasian bunny. Nothing in the way of new rabbits came to hand till the Orontes berthed with 3000 cases new goods. Prospects for frozen rabbits are not as promising as they were six months ago, but as long as the existing healthy conditions prevail—no goods in store, and the rabbits are in such excellent order as they were in 1902—prices will not be affected to any degree by local and temporary adverse features. The hare trade (for frozen) goes from bad to worse. Hares lately arrived are not saleable beyond 1s 6d each, and as to the old stock, of which there is a fair volume—New South Wales and New Zealand—these cannot be negotiated on any terms, and it is feared that the only value they possess is for their skins. There are, perhaps, 1000 cases on hand from two years ago, and a lot left over from last year.

I notice that the United States, in the pursuance of their policy of killing competition, have placed an export duty of 5 per cent. on all Manila hemp shipped from the Philippines to other countries than America. This ought to kill the trade in that article done with Liverpool, and at the same time give a good fillip to the New Zealand hemp industry.

Auction sales during the last fortnight comprise tallow and hides. The former article is opening the year very badly indeed. Buyers are slack, prices have given way, and stocks are accumulating. Weakness specially is manifest in the edible tallow market.

PASTURES AND STOCK BOARDS.

In connection with the bringing into operation of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act it is intimated by the Lands Department that a chairman has to be appointed for each board. Elections for the additional directors have not yet taken place. In most of the districts there are four members of the rabbit boards, who become directors of the new pastures protection boards. As there are to be altogether seven directors on each pastures protection board two new men have to be elected in each case, the quota being made up by the chairman, who will be appointed by the Government. The chairmen are to be appointed without delay. It has been decided to select the present chairman of the rabbit board for each district if he is eligible. If not, the chairmen of the old pastures and stock protection board or of the sheep board will be appointed.

COROWA VINTAGE.

COROWA, Thursday.

The vintage in this district is now complete, and only in one instance, that of Mr. T. L. Williams, of Felcon vineyard, who got 10,000 gallons from 100 acres, has the yield been up to last year's figures. Mr. S. W. Thompson, manager of Messrs. Lindeman Brothers' vineyard, who, with his own and what grapes were bought from small growers, treated a crop of 200 acres, finds that the yield will not average a ton to the acre, and this will probably be the general average.

GROWTH OF BLACKBERRY BUSH.

UNANDERRA, Thursday.

At the last meeting of the Central Illawarra Council it was carried,—"That the proper authorities be written to calling attention to the growth of the blackberry bush and other noxious weeds on the railway line, and also on the main South Coast road, within the borough."

DISTRICT ITEMS.

COROWA.—At the recent district auction sale a keen demand was shown for drought horses. Those of good stamp, suitable for farming work, brought up to £37 10s. In all 40 were sold, the average price realised being £25.

CROOKWELL.—The show which began on Thursday is expected to be the largest held here. There are large entries, and very complete arrangements have been made for the exhibition.

DUNGOG.—The country is looking well after the recent rains. Most of the dams are full.

WAGGA.—The season is now favourable for the farmers. Ploughing, which has been carried on under difficulties, is now being proceeded with in all parts of the district.

YASS.—Unless rain falls within the next few days the young grass will burn away and the recent rains will have been of little use.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

CAMDEN.

OPENED BY THE STATE GOVERNOR.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

Great interest was manifested in the show to-day by a very large crowd. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson, who are the guests of Mrs. Onslow, at Camden Park, were officially received by Mr. G. M. Onslow (the Mayor) and the aldermen of Camden. Proceeding to the grounds under a military and police escort, they were there welcomed by the president, committee, and stewards. His Excellency, in officially opening the show, expressed pleasure in accepting the invitation to be present, and deplored the adverse seasons under which the people were suffering. He hoped that a change was pending, and that a speedy return to prosperity was at hand. He was pleased to receive from Mr. J. K. Chisholm, the president of the society, a life membership certificate of the society. His Excellency was afterwards entertained at luncheon, amongst those present being Mr. John Kidd (Minister for Agriculture), Mrs. Onslow, Senator J. C. Neild, Mr. A. H. Conroy, M.P., and Mr. G. W. Fuller, M.P.

Mr. J. K. Chisholm, who presided, in proposing Sir Harry Rawson's health, expressed pleasure that the Governor was identifying himself with the interests of the State. Under more favourable auspices he was sure that his Excellency would appreciate the beautiful district which was now showing its worst side. Sir Harry Rawson responded.

Mr. F. W. A. Downes proposed "The Ministry," and Mr. John Kidd responded. Other toasts were "The Federal Parliament," proposed by Mr. J. Lakeman, and responded to by Mr. G. W. Fuller and Senator Neild; "The Camden Agricultural Society," given by Sir Harry Rawson, and responded to by Mr. Chisholm; "The Camden District and Kindred Societies."

His Excellency took special interest in the military events, and left the ground well pleased with the show and its management.

The following were the awards:—

Draught stallion, 3 years: John Fryer. Draught stallion, 3 years and over: Peter Maher. Stallion, 1 year and under: 2 years: Reuben Boardman. Heavy draught gelding: J. Joseph Doust. Mare, 3 years and over: Peter Maher. Mare, 2 years and under 3: Hawkey Brothers. Filly: F. M. Shiel. Draught foal at foot: D. M'Leod. Springcart animal: Fryer. Plough horses: Joseph Doust. Mare for all-round farm work: R. Clemson. Mare for all-round farm work, owned by farmers with not more than 400 acres: Joseph Doust. Gelding, for all-round farm work: Don Thum. Pony jump: R. M'Minn, 1; A. V. Moore, 2. Pair ridden under 14: E. Inglis, 1; P. M'Intosh, 2. Girl rider under 14: Dorothy Vieury, 1; M. Dunk, 2. Ponies in harness: M'Intosh Brothers. Pony in saddle on ground: M'Intosh Brothers. Tandem turnout: W. H. Anderson. Lady's hack: G. F. Doyle. Lady rider: Miss Wallace, 1; Miss V. Jones, 2; Miss Cowper, 3. Handicap trot: W. H. M'Donald's Litt's Dick and H. H. Mayes's Nellie Bed. Dairy bull: M'Intosh Brothers. Bull, 4-tooth: F. Moore. Bull, 1 year: R. W. A. Downes. Single cow in milk: M'Intosh Brothers. Three springing cows: M'Intosh Brothers. Dry cows: M'Intosh Brothers. Heifer, 6-tooth: M'Intosh Brothers. Heifer, 4-tooth: John E. Moore. Heifer, 2-tooth: M'Intosh Brothers. Heifer, no permanent teeth: F. Moore. Heifer, not more than 2-tooth: R. H. Antill. Heifer, not more than 4-tooth: T. W. Boardman. All-comers' milking contest: M'Intosh Brothers' Bundle, 46lb. milk, 1. Milking cow, not having taken prize previously: James Rudd.

GUNDAGAI.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

The attendance at the show yesterday was fair. The weather was delightful, and the new pavilion proved a great attraction. The exhibits in the horse section were the best for years, but in cattle and sheep the display was only fair. There was a fine display of farm produce by Mr. W. Foord, and in the same section good exhibits by Messrs. Green and Crampton. The miscellaneous sections were well filled. Following were the awards:—

Horses.—Blood stallion: George King. Stallion, 2 years: E. G. Broben. Brood mare: J. Pollack. Yearling colt: J. Arantz. Filly: J. Pollack.

Farm Produce.—Maize: D. Crampton, who also won in brown oats, broom millet, wheaten chaff, oaten chaff, and collection of maize. W. Foord took first for Tartarian oats, panicum, collection of agricultural seeds, collection of grain, wheaten hay, straw, and the farm produce trophy. T. O'Herir took prizes for oats, Cape barley, land bar of millinn wheat. J. Hargreaves won in field peas, vegetables, French beans. Carrots: Foord. Water melons: Green. Collection of vegetables: Foord. Potatoes: Foord and Crampton. Grapes: Fuller and Green. Peaches: Fuller. Quinces: H. Sturs. Apples: Green (de varetine). Pears: Green. Collection: Green. Honey: Crampton. Greasy fleece wool: H. Hogan. greasy fleece merino: H. Hogan. Collection of samples of wool: H. Hogan. Collection of saddlery: W. H. Carr. Horseshoes: D. Reid.

Stallions, 3 years: J. M'Grath's Conqueror. Brood mare, 3 years: A. Hunt. Farm horses: James Brooke. Station, best adapted for getting weight-carrying hacks: G. King's Carmo. Roadster or hackney stallion: J. Mackey's Ranji. Mare, adapted to breed weight-carrying hacks: S. Gordon. Coaching filly, 2 years: G. W. Dennis. Stallion, 14 hands: W. Barrett. Brood mare, over 3 years: Miss A. J. Rankin. Pony hackney: W. A. Robinson's Ping Pong. Pony hackney, 13 hands: J. Tracey. Single harness horse: H. P. Chew. Lady's hack: Miss B. Rankes. Best lady rider: Miss Rose Baker. Gentleman's hack: P. J. O'Donnell. Weight, carrying hack: W. A. Robinson. Galloway hackney: J. Pollack. Pair buggy ponies: James Elphick. Pair buggy ponies under 13 hands: Mrs. Hunt. Pony not over 14 hands: W. R. Elliott. Pony not over 13 hands: D. C. S. Bruce. Best girl rider: Miss Mary Young. Pair of hacks: Miss Rankin. Spring cart horse: R. A. Escott. Cavalry remounts: W. A. Robinson.

SECOND DAY.

The show to-day was attended by 2000 people. The weather was fine and warm. The additional awards were:—

Maiden hunters: Roche's Laplander. Hunters' (special): Jamieson's Doris, 1; Baker's Eastern King, 2; Thorne's Harkaway, 3. Trot: Whiticker's Ranji, 1; Whiticker's Brown Joe, 2; Goate's Shamrock, 3. Pony trot: Freestone's Mick, 1; Elliott's Polly, 2.

Shorthorn bull: J. Hawthorne. Ayrshire bull: S. Gordon. Jersey bull, 1 year: Ronald Rankes. Jersey bull, 2 years: George Boon. Jersey cow, 3 years: S. Hines. Jersey heifer: George Boon. Farmers' prizes—Bull, 3 years and over: S. Gordon. Bull, 2 years and under: G. Boon. Cow, 3 years and over: Alf. Hunt. Heifer: S. Gordon. Best milking cow: G. Woodbridge. Cow, for producing most milk: G. Woodbridge. Pen of dairy cows: S. Gordon. Champion dairy bull: S. Gordon.

Best sulky: David Reid. Waggonette: S. Elphick. Pollard distributor: T. H. Hicks. Fumigator: Hicks.

Merino sheep.—Ram, four-tooth and over: W. Glasscock, and champion. Two-tooth ram: H. Hogan. Lamb ram: H. Hogan, and champion. Two-tooth ewe: H. Hogan. Ewe lamb: W. Glasscock, and champion. Pen of three ewes: W. Glasscock, and also pen of three rams. Lamb ram: H. Hogan. Strong wool four-tooth ram: H. Hogan, and champion, also ram lamb and two-tooth ewe. Four-tooth ewe: W. Glasscock. Owners of 3000 sheep or under—Four-tooth ram: W. Glasscock, and champion. Two-tooth ram: H. Hogan, also ram lamb. Four-tooth ewe, two-tooth ewe, and merino ram, four-tooth ram: W. Glasscock, and champion, also ewe lamb, long-wooled sheep. Shropshire four-tooth ram: Kimo Estate, also four-tooth ewe, two-tooth ram, two-tooth ewe, pen of three ewe lambs, ewe of any age, ram any age, and champion. Five fat merino ewes: J. Sewell. Five fat crossbred ewes: Kimo Estate.

Berkshire boar: George Boon. Berkshire sow: Beatty and Gibbs. Chinn boar sow and litter: E. Jamieson.

Dogs.—Greyhound: Fryer's Kangaroo; G. Whiticker. Cattle: P. Lynch. Retriever: Miss Payne. Fox-terrier: A. Podmore. Collie: C. J. Fraser.

Poultry.—Brahmas: James Kelly. Black Spanish: J. Smith, also colonial game. Wyandottes, guinea fowls, Indian game, and fat turkey cocks. Malay: Mrs. Rankin. Orpington: Beabe, 1; Brooke, 2. Plymouth Rock: Mrs. Jamieson. White Leghorn: George Woodbridge. Minorca: Jack Gardiner. Geese: Mrs. Smith. Pigeons: G. Baker. Poultry for export: Mrs. Smith.

BLAYNEY.

OPENED BY MR. CRICK.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

The agricultural society's show was officially opened to-day by Mr. Crick, Minister for Lands. Mr. Crick was not in good health and his speech was brief. He congratulated the society upon its success the show being one of the finest seen in the western district. He thought the agricultural products magnificent. The few thousand pounds collected for the drought by public subscription was of little use. The Government had come to the rescue of the settlers in a different form to the amount of over a million and a half sterling.

Mr. Sidney Smith, M.P. for Macquarie, in the course of a speech said that 12 years ago we largely exported wheat. Now we had to import it through the disastrous drought for seed purposes. He eulogised the State Parliament for the manner adopted to relieve the distress of the farmers. About noon thundershowers began, but notwithstanding that during the afternoon there was an attendance of nearly 3000. Following are awards not announced yesterday:—

Horses.—Blood stallion: Glasson and Glasson, 1. Ditto, mare: Glasson and Glasson, 1; W. J. M'Phillamy, 2. Ditto, mare, with foal: Glasson and Glasson. Ditto colt under 3 years, ditto filly under 3 years, and ditto blood foal: Glasson and Glasson. Trotting stallion over 3 years: C. White. Coaching stallion: B. A. Cutler. Roadster stallion: C. White. Coaching mare: B. Sampson. Coaching filly, under 2 years: H. Ewan. Draught stallion, over 4 years: B. A. Cutler, 1; E. Garlick, 2. Farm stallion: H. Leubsteter, 1. Draught mare: J. Batty, 1; H. Ewin, 2. Mare with foal: S. J. Beddie. Filly, under 3 years: T. Walkom. Champion mare: J. Batty. Pony stallion: H. Jones, 1; R. Slattery, 2. Single brougham horse: C. White. Sulky horse: S. Williams, 1; F. Gullen, 2. Light hackney: D. J. Ferguson, 1; A. Townsend, 2. Heavy hackney: C. Taylor, 1; P. N. Shea, 2. Farmer's hackney: W. Darrington, 1; F. Payne, 2. Pony, 14 hands: J. Rousart, 1; Glasson and Glasson, 2. Pony, over 12 hands: M'Phillamy, 1; Hamer, 2. Pair hackneys: C. Taylor. Springcart horse: Hayes, 1; Patterson, 2. Harness pony: S. Hensley, 1. Saddle, light harness: J. Rodwell, 1; Williams, 2. Shed horse: W. J. Denth, 1; L. Vesper, 2. Turnout: S. Williams. Box rider: M. Slattery. Hunters' plate: P. N. Shea, 1; W. Hamer, 2. Local hunting: Newell, 1; Hamer, 2. Pony hunter: Stiff and Kelly, dead heat. Pony trot: M'Phillamy. Handicap trot: C. White, 1; Newell, 2. Maiden trot: Kelly, 1; Singer Company, 2. Lady rider: Miss Fletcher.

There was keen competition in the sheepdog trial contest. First prize was awarded to Newell's Paddy M'Leod, with King's Biddy second.

NEWCASTLE.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The second annual exhibition of the Newcastle and District Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association began to-day, and will be continued on Friday and Saturday. In the morning the weather was very hot, but in the afternoon a pleasing breeze tempered the sun's rays. The public attendance was estimated at 8000. The showgrounds are situated at Broadmeadow, about two miles from Newcastle, and visitors are conveyed to the show by means of steam trams, 'buses, and other vehicles. The grounds are 18 acres in extent, and since last year several improvements have been made. An unsightly open drain has been covered by the Works Department at considerable expense, a new pavilion has been erected at a cost of £250, and about 800 yards of ashes and sand have been laid on the outside of the ring. The big ring has been reduced in circumference all round by 15ft., so as to give more accommodation for spectators. Horses and cattle are now well provided for, over 100 substantial stalls having been erected.

The Minister for Works arrived about half-past 12, the train having specially stopped at Broadmeadow for him. He was met by Dr. J. L. Beeston, president of the association, and driven to the showground in Mr. Joseph Wood's carriage. Outside the pavilion Mr. O'Sullivan officially opened the exhibition. He briefly congratulated the committee on the display and the show, which he hoped would become the greatest in the northern district.

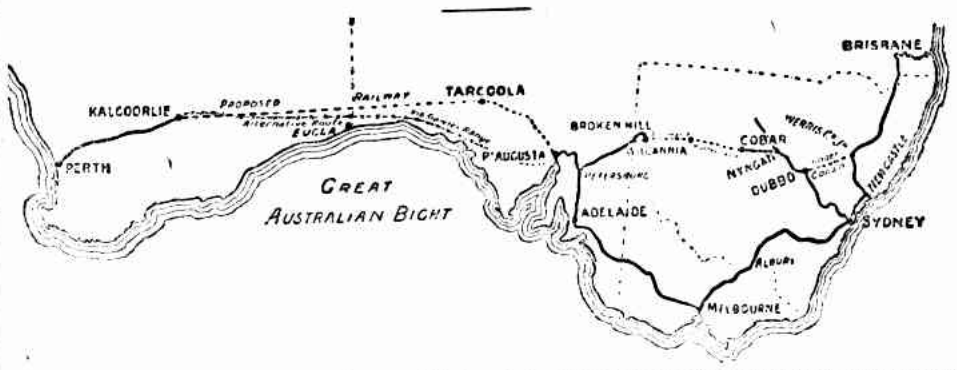
The luncheon at which Mr. Beeston presided followed immediately. The toasts proposed were "The King," "The Ministry," and "The Parliament." Mr. O'Sullivan responded for the Ministry. His speech is reported in another column.

For Parliament quite a flood of talk followed from Mr. Watkins, M.P., Messrs. Fegan, Dick, Edden, Gilbert, Estell, Price, and Gillies, M.L.A. Each of the three parties in the House was represented, and the remarks of some of the speakers displayed considerable warmth.

The catalogue, which was well compiled and printed, showed over 1550 entries. Blood stock was not numerous, but many good class animals were found among the trotters, hackneys, and harness horses. Ponies were well represented, but draught horses were few in number. About three dozen entries were made in the cattle section. Swine had but one entry in each class. Nearly 200 fowls were penned, some of them including recent importations by Mr. J. H. Hemsworth and Mr. J. F. Scobie. The first-named breeder gained the medal for the best bird in the show with a golden-laced Wyandotte. Sydney March 21, 1884, and created Cardinal July 27, 1885.

THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

THE TWO ROUTES.



In the "Herald" of Saturday last we published the report of the Board of Engineers-in-Chief on the proposed trans-Australian railway. The construction of the line from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie would link together the capitals of the mainland of Australia, and would effect a saving of two days in the transmission of passengers and mails between Perth and the east. The journey from the west to Sydney would be still further shortened by taking the line through Broken Hill, and the route to Brisbane would be again reduced by the construction of the proposed railway from Wellington or Dubbo to Werris Creek. The railway proposed to be constructed is set out in dotted lines in the accompanying map. Alternative routes are suggested for the connection between Kalgoorlie and Adelaide, the more northerly going via Tarcoola, and the more southerly going through the Gawler Ranges. From Adelaide connection with the eastern States would be by way of Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane. If, however, the connection is made through Broken Hill the line connecting that place with Port Augusta, which is now a narrow gauge, would have to be widened, and the surveyed line from Broken Hill to Wilcannia, and the authorised line from Wilcannia to Cobar, would have to be constructed. Alternative lines to connect Dubbo or Wellington with Werris Creek are under consideration by the Public Works Committee. The board is strongly of opinion that the standard 5ft. 8in gauge should be adopted. The connection between Port Augusta and Kalgoorlie via Tarcoola would be 1100 miles long. The cost of construction of a standard gauge line, with equipment, is estimated at £5,090,000. The working of the line in its early years is estimated to result in a deficiency of £86,696 per annum. Ten years later an annual profit of £23,560 is expected. Summed up, the probable effects of the construction of the line would be:—

A saving of two days in the transmission of mails and passengers between Fremantle and the eastern States, and if in future the line is linked up with the New South Wales system through Broken Hill a further saving of one day will be effected in communication between Fremantle, Sydney, and Brisbane.

The cost of the journey between east and west will be cheapened, and intercourse will, it is anticipated, increase considerably.

Movement of troops for defence purposes overland will be rendered possible.

Telegraphic communication between the east and west could be improved and rendered more secure at small capital cost by making use of the railway telegraph posts.

The effect on the food supplies of the Western Australia goldfields will be the reduction of prices and an improvement in quality.

The effect in both South Australia and Western Australia will be the opening up new tracts of country for miners, and pastoral development and improvement of revenue on the existing lines in the former State.

On the other hand Western Australia would lose owing to reduced traffic (passenger and stock) between Fremantle and Kalgoorlie, and Adelaide will suffer through ceasing to be the terminus for the delivery of overseas mails, and still more so if the ultimate result should be the abandonment of Adelaide as a port of call.

CARDINAL MORAN.

SACERDOTAL JUBILEE OF HIS PRIEST-HOOD.

OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR POOR CHILDREN.

1200 CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

Cardinal Moran attained the sacerdotal golden jubilee of his priesthood yesterday, and throughout the day he received a large number of letters and telegrams conveying congratulations upon the event. These came from bishops, priests, prominent officials, and laymen in all parts of the Commonwealth and New Zealand. In accordance with his expressed wish, conveyed in a circular letter issued by Dr. Moran, which was recently published in the "Herald," the celebration of the event in a public manner has been postponed until a later date, the principal reason given for this being the lengthened absence of Cardinal Moran from the State last year and in the present distress throughout New South Wales caused by the drought.

With a view of keeping somewhat free from his ordinary daily routine duties on the occasion Cardinal Moran proceeded to the palace at Manly on Wednesday evening and remained there throughout yesterday.

At St. Mary's Cathedral Dean O'Haran celebrated Mass at 7 a.m., at which there was a large communion. At 10 a.m. the Rev. Father P. C. Cregan celebrated Mass, which was sung by the children of the parish school.

Cardinal Moran some time ago decided to commemorate the event of his sacerdotal golden jubilee by the establishment of schools for the very poor children in various parishes. The first of these schools was formally opened yesterday. It will be located in William-street, city, in premises adjoining the Bible Hall, and will be conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and will take the name of St. Joseph's. The opening was of a quiet nature, and was witnessed by a very large gathering of the cathedral parochial children.

Dr. Moran subsequently entertained about 1200 children of the cathedral parish at the college grounds, Manly. They were conveyed to Manly by a special steamer which was placed at the disposal of the committee. Amongst the clergy present in addition to Cardinal Moran were the Coadjutor Archbishop (Dr. Kelly), Dr. Verdon (Bishop of Dunedin), Dean O'Haran, Dr. Murphy (president of the college), the Rev. P. C. Cregan, and several professors of the college and members of the cathedral staff. No speeches were made, but everything that was possible was done in order to provide pleasure for the children. During the afternoon the school children sang a special jubilee cantata for the occasion.

CARDINAL MORAN'S CAREER.

Patrick Francis Moran, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church, of the title of St. Susanna, Archbishop of Sydney, Metropolitan, Apostolic Delegate, &c., was born at Leighlinbridge, county of Carlow, Ireland, on September 16, 1830; ordained priest March 19, 1853; consecrated Bishop of Olba and Coadjutor of Ossory, March 5, 1872; succeeded to Ossory, August 18, 1872. He was translated to Sydney March 21, 1884, and created Cardinal July 27, 1885.

THE CYCLING CARNIVAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Major Taylor, after his recent experience in the cycling races on the Sydney Cricket Ground, is not likely to carry away with him an exalted idea of the "fair play" which is such a proud boast of Britishers, and, of course, Australians. The popularity of cycling meetings is not so great as it was some years ago, and the tactics that appear to be in vogue will tend to make them less so. I, for one, abjure cycling sports for the future; and unless the man who pays at the gate has more liberal views than myself, the sport is likely to suffer.

I am, &c., GROUND MEMBER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reference to the final of the big bicycle race last night we read in your columns and elsewhere that "the winner was magnificently paced by the other riders in the limit bunch." We also read that Don. Walker was well paced by his party.

Some little time back we read of a rider that was fined for pacing another rider, and this has often been alleged as the reason for fines and disqualification.

What has bicycle racing come to when out of 11 riders manifestly only three riders were trying to win, and no one is called on for an explanation. This also, when there is a great deal of betting on the event. It is said that the prize money is shared with the pacers.

On top of the recent shameful combination against Taylor we can only hope that the so-called sport will soon arrive at the pedestrianism stage, and be lost to the public sight. With a few real sportsmen and manly riders like Taylor it would be worth watching. I, for one, would willingly subscribe to a testimonial (not involving money) to Taylor, in recognition of his sportsmanship and manly riding, and to show the disgust of the public at his treatment. I am, &c., DISGUSTED.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The following scratchings were recorded to-day in connection with the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting:—Doncaster Handicap: Huella, Boanne Chief, Clochette, Suzanne, Geneva. Sydney Cup: No Name. Champagne Stakes: South Head, Farnworth, New Park, Scottish King, Bill of Melton, Raeburn, Curfew Belle, Hes, Kelp, Cakewalk, Brumlo, and Henrique. St. Leger Stakes: Bullion, g by Grafton—Lovelock, Irwell.

Following are the scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the Rosehill Autumn meeting:—All Engagements, Goro, The Orphan filly; Club Handicap, Ben.

Our Adelaide correspondent telegraphs that the well known steeplechaser Happy Jack dropped down dead while galloping at Morphettville yesterday morning.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-day with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. The card will be found in the business portion of this paper.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next, and the secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman will receive entries for the different events up to 5 p.m. to-day. The programme will be found in the business sheets.

In place of the Steeplechase at Forest Lodge on Monday next a 13.1 Handicap, 3½f., has been substituted. The Steeplechase will be included in Monday week's programme. Entries for the different events set down for Monday next close at 5 p.m. today with the secretary, Mr. E. G. James. The programme will be found in the advertising columns.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. A special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m.

Horse owners are notified by advertisement that late entries will be received until 2 o'clock to-day, upon payment of a double nomination fee, for all horse sections in the Royal Agricultural Society's Easter show schedule.

The racing ponies Robin, Lona, Beaupatch, Firelight, and a 14.2 pony by Speculation, untried, also the racehorse Brazen Lad, will be submitted for sale by auction at noon to-day by Messrs. W. Inglis and Son at their Bazaar, Pitt-street.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

Some useful work was put through at Randwick on the course proper, which was in excellent trim, yesterday morning. A heavy fog prevailed for a good while, and among those that galloped while it lasted were Air Motor, Meehlin, Gratis, Sir Simon, Idoliss, Nahpro, Devilment, Ariana, Torchon, Vocalist, Steelbusk, Loch Leven, Lord Monmouth, and Loch Lomond. When the posts could be seen Bruntwood and Simile ran a mile in 1m. 55s., the former going the better of the pair at the finish. Angelo and Barindi beat Great Heart by several lengths at the end of six furlongs in 1m. 22½s., and a furlong further distance was put in by Speechless in 1m. 35½s. Famous beat Prince Butler by three lengths over a mile in 1m. 49s., a distance which occupied Scotch Thistle 1m. 53s. Bagamore and New Park ran five furlongs in 1m. 7s., and Clytus put three-quarters of a mile behind in 1m. 22½s. Argentum ran a mile in 1m. 50s., and Velox beat Ninyas over six furlongs in 1m. 21s. Bewitcher defeated Happy Days at the end of a mile in 1m. 54s., while Queen of Sheba, Euston, and Glengarry ran five furlongs together in 1m. 6s. Fungus cast a mile behind in 1m. 49½s., and Nymagee beat Point Piper over six furlongs in 1m. 21s. Ban Ceontha made moderate time over seven furlongs, but Skein Dhu put up 1m. 30s. for six furlongs. Marathon, Wyena, and Incision were all together when a mile had been run in 1m. 49½s., and Blue Spec beat Curassow over a like course in much slower time. Steel Rail beat Ima easily over seven furlongs in 1m. 35½s, and Haut Star traversed a mile in 1m. 50s. A useful circuit was run by Abundance. Street Arab beat Loch Hart by several lengths over a mile and a furlong in 2m. 5½s., and Milner ran away from Laconia and Barchester at the end of seven furlongs in 1m. 34s. Danny Man beat Dum Dum over six furlongs in 1m. 21s. Bono and Glandore ran five furlongs in 1m. 6½s. Great Scot defeated Ambulance by six lengths over seven furlongs in 1m. 34½s. Acrasia was in front of Australia when six furlongs had been covered in 1m. 19½s., but Zee and Bizet occupied 1m. 21½s. in running the same distance. Fireclay and Hualla put in a useful mile and a half, running the last mile in 1m. 53½s. A few others did unimportant tasks.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In connection with the Oakaparings meeting Flagship has been scratched for the Oakaparings Cup, and Mystery for the Great Eastern Steeplechase.

The steeplechases Sportsman will shortly return to Sydney.

Patronus and The Victory will leave Melbourne for Sydney to-morrow. The Victory will run in the Rawson Stakes at Rosehill, and Patronus will probably run on the same day in the principal handicap.

Bob, by Bowmont, has arrived from Sydney, and will in future be trained at Caulfield by T. Swan.

The hurdle racer Manda has been sold to a West Australian racing man, and left Melbourne for Perth to-day in the steamer Wollowra.

FOREST LODGE PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Forest Lodge yesterday were well attended. The Novice Handicap was declared no race. In the Thirteen-one Handicap Ruth came in first, but a protest for boring was upheld and the race awarded to Queenie. Appended are the results of the racing:—

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4f.—F. Burns's Merry Minnie, by Manilla—Little Alice, 4 years, 7st 9lb (P. Hayes), 1; Miss Oracle, 9st 3lb, 2; Barcarolle, 7st, 3. Seven started. Betting: Even money on Miss Oracle, 3 to 1 v. Merry Minnie, 4 to 1 v. Brocklesgh. Won by a length. Time, 52¼s.

Forest Lodge Handicap (all horses), 7½f.—J. Thompson's blk or b m Lady Redfern II., by Redcoat, aged, 8st 7lb (G. Woodburn), 1; Outcast, 7st 11lb, 2; Bua, 8st 6lb, 3.

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BIRTHS.

LEARY.—March 4, at Orange, the wife of Henry J. Leary—a daughter.

M'DOUGALL.—March 16, at her residence, Dieuze, Tenterfield, the wife of L. A. M'Dougall, C.P.S.—a daughter.

DEATHS.

BUCKLE.—March 19, at the residence of his parents, Beltrees, No. 108 Johnston-street, Annandale, Francis Alfred, the dearly loved infant son of Alexander and Emily Maud Buckle, aged 1 year and 1 month.

GEDDES.—March 19, 1903, at his residence, Dorothyville, Botany, Thomas Geddes, sen. Funeral leaves at 1 o'clock this afternoon for the Necropolis.

HENSON.—March 19, 1903, at Glinla, 98 Elizabeth-street, Ashfield, William Henson, aged 76 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

CAHILL.—In loving remembrance of my dear sister, Maggie Cahill, who departed this life March 20, 1902, age 21 years, at Burrowa, N. S. Wales. R.I.P. Inserted by her loving sister, Mrs. J. Murray, Maryborough, Queensland.

Dearest Maggie, thou hast left us,
Thou dost dwell with angels now,
And a wreath of glory priceless
Sparkles on thy shining brow.
Good and gentle was thy lifetime;
Christ has died and set thee free:
Wait a little, dearest Maggie,
And we soon shall follow thee.

COLES.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who died at his residence, 28 John-street, Erskineville, age 73 years. Inserted by his loving wife and children, Kate, Dick, Lizzie.

KEATO.—In loving memory of our dear little son, Sydney George, who departed this life March 19, 1887, at Annandale, aged 1 year. Never forgotten. Inserted by his loving parents, George and Emily Keato.

LAW.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Joseph Law (late Chinese interpreter), who departed this life March 20, 1902.

You are not forgotten, father dear,
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

Inserted by his loving wife, Margaret Law, and children.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. W. WILSON wishes to return her Scartlett TITANEX to the railway men, lodge members, and all friends who sent letters, floral tributes, &c., to her during her recent sad bereavement.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1903.

THE NAVY AND GREATER BRITAIN.

The part which Greater Britain is expected to take in the naval defence of the Empire is attracting considerable attention during the course of the debate on the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons. The magnitude of the vote proposed has no doubt helped to sharpen interest in this aspect of the subject, and we are able to judge from the tone of the debate that there is an unwillingness to recognise the necessity for so large a sum as the Admiralty requires. Parliament, indeed, seems to be divided between a sense of the necessities of the situation in view of foreign naval competition, and its usual tendency to object to larger naval or military votes. Great Britain has for twenty years past withstood the Continental impulse to indulge in the luxury of a great standing army at vast expense to the ratepayer. Intrenched within four seas, she has not found it necessary to guard her frontiers as France, Germany, and other Powers have done, and the fact gave us a great advantage. But as one of our naval authorities has said, Britain's real frontiers are her enemies' coasts, and now that other Powers have taken up an aggressive, or at least an expansive naval policy, it has become necessary to adapt our policy to meet the new situation. A cardinal belief on this subject, firmly held by those experts whom the nation regards as best able to judge, is that the nation's sea-power must be at least equal to that of any two of her possible rivals. For a long time we easily maintained that position, but new maritime Powers have come into existence of late years. We have now not only to watch the united naval strength of France and Russia, but of the United States and Germany as well, together with the possibility of combination of three Powers against England.

For many reasons it would never do for the nation to be taken by surprise at sea, as it was on land during the early stages of the Boer war. The recent awakening of public interest in the Navy may be taken as a recognition of that. Perhaps some such feeling is at the bottom of the desire to see the outlying portions of the Empire sharing in the cost of its defence at sea; and though we in Australia, for instance, have ways of our own of participating in Imperial defence which the mother country does not yet altogether understand, it would be a matter for regret if it was left altogether under a misapprehension on the subject. But to those who care to look for it our action as a dependency in the past offers an easy answer to any misgivings in that direction. It is about fifty years, for example, since a British regiment was quartered in Sydney. If at any time during that half-century an agitation had been set on foot by theorists in England to force or persuade the self-governing colonies to contribute to British Army cost and expenditure, it would have been resented as an interference with our rights. We should have had much sound reasoning about taxation without representation. Yet when the practical tests came Australia was never backward in testifying its deep, thorough, and practical loyalty. The response of the Patriotic Fund to the national appeal during the Crimean war is not forgotten. Thirty years later we equipped and despatched a contingent of New South Wales soldiers to serve under the flag in the Egyptian Soudan. Within the past few years, again, we have drawn largely on the public funds, and on the effective manhood of all these States, to send and keep up a constant supply of Australian troops in South Africa. The value of that aid has been abundantly and generously acknowledged, and no one has ever thought of saying that Australia was lukewarm where the military interests of the Empire have ever been concerned, because we have not contributed directly to the Imperial Army vote as proposed in the House of Commons.

What Australians ask now is that the like confidence may be extended to them in connection with this matter of the navy. The question will have to come before the Federal Parliament at an early date, pursuant to the promise of the Prime Minister at the late conference in London; and whatever differences of opinion may exist as to the amount this Commonwealth ought to contribute, it should be remembered that we have already made an important concession in the payment of a naval subsidy for a good many years past. From the cabled reports of the debate which have reached us it would appear that the House of Commons has not altogether shared the faddist views on this subject which have made themselves so generally heard outside. We are told, for instance, that there was something in the nature of a general agreement that Great Britain must await an offer from the colonies, and that it is impossible for the motherland to press the colonies for a contribution. Even in this admission the discerning antipodean reader may be able to distinguish traces of a partial yet popular inability at home to differentiate between a self-governing Dominion or Commonwealth and the severe type of Crown colony. For that reason, if for no other, the term "colony" in the discussion of these matters has become a misnomer. We may put what was said about certain "heresies" entirely outside the discussion, as representing a habit of mind and thought with which we have nothing to do. So far as Mr. Arnold Forster's "persistent apathy" is concerned, all that need be said on the point is that it is not easy to reconcile such a sentiment with the officially acknowledged part we took in the Boer war. No thinking citizen of the Empire is unaware of the possibilities of that reaction which the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty speaks about, but it is at least something to have his semi-Ministerial admission that he did not believe the idea of separate navies had been accepted by the colonies. But the main source of disagreement at present seems to lie in the difficulty of making British statesmen and Imperial federation theorists understand the primary conditions of public opinion as it exists in self-governing Greater Britain.

THE TREASURY BILLS LOAN.

The incidents connected with the £600,000 loan flotation all point to the disfavour with which it is regarded in London. Though the amount asked is small when compared with the millions issued in the past, the market has expressed its opinion pretty emphatically. It is true the Premier says that the Government has obtained the accommodation at a reasonable rate, but our cable message does not supply any proof of that, for we are told that though the loan has been floated nominally at par, 15s in accrued interest has been given to the investor. This reduces the price to 99½, and since 100 has to be repaid in four years, the actual interest charge on the loan is £4 3s 6d per cent. The Parliamentary authority was to borrow "at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum." It will not be the first time we think that such authority has been exceeded in an indirect way. The result cannot be described as anything less than irregular. But we must have the money, and it will be said it is of little use to quibble at irregularities. The result is unfavourable in view of the smallness of the amount, and still more it is unsatisfactory because of the uneasiness it must awaken as to what is to be expected when application is made for the remaining £2,400,000. And the situation is not improved by the criticism in London, which alleges that the market is disgusted with the manner in which the negotiation has been conducted, as it is said, behind its back. That feeling we presume accounts for the further depreciation of 1 in the 3 and 3½ per cent. stocks of the State. Never before were our 3 per cents. so low.

As to the application of the proceeds of the loan, it is tolerably clear from the explanation of Ministers that against the £600,000 now raised a sum of £463,000 is required in London to pay interest falling due on 1st April on £15,755,000 of 3½ per cent. stock and £12,500,000 of 3 per cents. Since we are told that only £400,000 is to be retained in London, presumably the Government has still some small balance there, especially as payment for locomotives has to be made. The Treasury Balance Statement on the 28th February credited the Government with £394,000 remitted to London at the date of the latest advice. But of that £288,000 would be required to meet six months' interest on £16,500,000 of 3½ per cent. stock on the 1st March. Against the combined sums of £600,000 now raised and £394,000 in credit at latest date, or £994,000 in all, the Government required to provide £755 000 of interest on the 1st March and 1st of April, leaving £239,000. By exchange operation £200,000 of this is to be held here, leaving £39,000 in London to pay for locomotives and meet other expenses. We can well understand that the Treasurer has run his London account very low. In Sydney the extra £200,000, added to the bank credit balance of £730,667 on 28th February, suggests what may be his resources here. We have, however, to wait a fortnight for fuller details. Meantime we accept Mr. Waddell's statement that he can pay his way for two and a half months without further borrowing. The position is by no means an assuring one, since the London money market, in view of impending loans, does not present the prospect of immediate ease, and recovery from the effects of the drastic criticism is hardly possible at an early date. In the circumstances the obvious duty of the Government is to curtail loan expenditure as much as possible. Although authority was given by the Act to carry the proceeds of the Treasury bills to the general loan account, to be appropriated towards the purpose of any service specified in any Loan Act, there is no compulsion to spend it hastily. The conditions of the London money market suggest that it would be reckless to use it freely or injudiciously.

THE DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

The agreeable and encouraging news is announced in our columns this morning that the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund in aid of sufferers from the drought has reached the respectable total of £12,755 8s 8d. This amount the proceeds from the generously-offered Melba concert and the street collections have largely assisted. The result proves that the people of Sydney at least have recognised the reality of the claim made upon their sympathies by those of their fellow-citizens on the land who have been overtaken by calamity, and it is rather unfortunate for somebody or other that in this respect they have differed so substantially from the Minister for Lands. Mr. Crick's remarks at Erskineville were plainly intended to ridicule and belittle the whole movement. Against them we may place the accounts supplied us by our special reporter, the paragraphs we publish from drought-stricken centres from day to day, and the appeals addressed to the relief committee. It is true that the Minister for Lands now falls back on the familiar Ministerial plea that he has been misreported, but the public will no doubt feel competent to hold the balance of judgment evenly in such a case as this. We learn this morning that many of the appeals for assistance come from the very districts in which the Minister declared that no undue distress existed. Unless Mr. Crick meant to say something else, the appeals from these districts answer him completely. But they do more than that. They imperatively demand some better defence or explanation than the rather threadbare device of blaming the reporters. When the Minister for Lands decides to run contrary to the current of public sympathy in regard to the man on the land, the man on the land is entitled to exact a rigorous explanation of such action from the Minister for Lands. This seems a simple enough proposition, and it remains for Mr. Crick to frankly meet it.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

The question of the employment of the unemployed still remains unanswered. The latest suggestion, put forward by a deputation to the Liberal and Reform Association yesterday, is that a conference, to be composed of members of the Government, the Labour party, and the Opposition, should be held to consider the whole question. Possibly the idea of a conference will not commend itself to the leader of the Opposition in view of his recent experiences, and indeed it is hardly to be expected of him that he should now initiate proposals for wholesale treatment of the difficulty. A difficulty it certainly is, not only here and in other States of the Commonwealth, but in Great Britain also. Not the least important item in this difficulty is the feeling that amongst the people who call themselves unemployed are many who could only qualify as such by their refusal of wage-earning situations. In former days a man who had no means of livelihood was glad to accept the first opportunity offered him and he was not keen to examine into the question of wage or of social status. What he wanted was to be able to live honourably, and it has been the general experience that the better born the man in search of a livelihood the less was he inclined to insist upon the minimum wage or any other fad. In London just now the people are in the course of learning what is meant by "unemployed" agitations, and the significance of the lesson is not lost when it is made public that persons in receipt of wages are absent from their post of duty because they desired to join in the processions organised by the leaders of the unemployed. In our own State the acuteness of the position is emphasised by the fact that Ministers have evolved the startling theory that the State is bound to supply work at a minimum wage to all the unemployed. The application of this theory is to be noticed in the influx to the city of a number of persons who found country conditions too hard for them, as compared with the allurements to the metropolis. The trouble is that neither the State nor individuals can find work at the desired price for the men whom the Government has attracted to Sydney with its specious promises. With the man who is "out of a billet" and who wants work the deepest sympathy will be felt, and men will strain their resources to find him something to do. The best suggestion made recently by the Government in this regard is the sending of parties of men out prospecting. The experience of this State is that men so despatched do good to themselves and to the mining industry. The experience of other States may be different, but we in New South Wales have found that the prospecting vote has been productive of many benefits. If suitable employment can thus be found for the persons who really want work and cannot find it, it behoves the State and all interested to try the experiment once more.

"On the Land."—Under this heading, in another part of to-day's issue, appears a new department in the "Sydney Morning Herald." In recognition of the immense importance of the producing interests it has been decided to devote a considerable amount of space to bringing into greater prominence the subjects in which the producers are directly concerned. The new department will embrace land questions and the practical problems with which the people on the land are confronted, as well as all new legislation bearing directly upon the welfare of the settlers. Special articles on agricultural, pastoral, and horticultural subjects will be published in "On the Land," and the dairying industry will receive special attention. News from everywhere pertaining to the soil and its products will be grouped in the department, while correspondents' letters from abroad, correspondence to the editor, reports of agricultural shows, articles by our travelling reporters, reports of meetings of pastoralists and agriculturists, and conferences, together with reference to the local markets will for the future be found in this part of the paper. The department has been placed under the control of a wellknown agricultural journalist of experience, and should prove both valuable and interesting to the tiller of the soil and the keeper of herds and flocks.

Ministerial Visits to the Country.—Mr. O'Sullivan paid a visit to the Newcastle district yesterday. On Sunday he leaves for Temora. Next week Sir John See will go to Tamworth and will open the annual show there. Mr. Waddell, who has lately been kept busily employed in meeting the criticisms directed against his administration, will make an exhaustive reply in the course of a week or 10 days. The opportunity will be afforded by an address to his constituents, and he will visit Cowra for that purpose.

The Inspector-General of Police.—Some time ago Mr. E. Fosbery, C.M.G., intimated his desire to retire from his position as Inspector-General of Police. So far nothing has been done in the direction of choosing a successor. Indeed the Premier hopes by relieving Mr. Fosbery of a part of the work performed by him—work, it was explained, that had no connection with the administration of his department—to retain his services for some time to come. "I regard Mr. Fosbery," said Sir John See, "as a man of great capacity. He is in full possession of his physical and mental faculties, and is well qualified to discharge the duties of his office. If he absolutely wishes to retire, I shall take steps to find a successor. We have in him a good man, and the appointment of a successor is largely a matter of experiment. Of course, when the time comes, I shall not hesitate to take that responsibility."

Verdict Against the Federal Government.—The action Hannah v. Dalgarno was concluded in the Banco Court yesterday, before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four. His Honor, in summing up, said that the accident as far as he new was without precedent in that State. Owing to the advance of science, electricity had been adapted to many purposes, and one was that of providing the motive power for street cars, and the city was encompassed with a multiplicity of wires which under certain circumstances became a danger to the public. In the present case a telephone wire fell from its position, and after becoming charged with electricity through contact with the overhead tramcar cable, it struck the plaintiff and injured him. Both the line repairers who were called on behalf of the defendant swore that they did not touch the wire, but it was for the jury to say whether in their opinion the accident was caused through negligence. The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff, with damages £200, but a stay of proceedings till next Term was granted.

Disputed Certificate of Title.—Every man who buys a little landed property cannot reasonably be expected to know all the intricacies of conveyancing nor the law of legal possession. But there is a common belief among laymen that the man who gets a Torrens title to his property can put it in his pocket and defy anyone to challenge his ownership. It is not so. Many are aware that no title is indefensible as against fraud, but a judgment given in the Equity Court yesterday goes very much further. The purchaser of 20 acres in Newtown, which the Crown granted in 1779, sold two contiguous portions of it, which became known as the Gowrie and the Islington Estates respectively. The respective owners subsequently took out titles, but in the meantime the boundary marks became altered and included in the title for the Islington Estate was a triangular piece of land, which was also included in the Gowrie Estate title. There was an error somewhere. The Court decided that the title respecting the Gowrie land was right, though the owners of the other land might have—as they claimed they had—been in possession for 30 years before taking out the title. Then came the question of whether a title 35 years old should or could be altered. The Court decided that in the circumstances it could, and ordered accordingly.

The Mount Kembla Royal Commission.—The Royal Commission which was appointed by the Government to inquire and report regarding the cause of the disaster which occurred at the Mount Kembla colliery on July 31 last will conclude the taking of evidence this morning, when the examination of Mr. A. A. Atkinson, the Chief Inspector of Mines, whose evidence occupied the greater part of yesterday's sitting, will be completed. The scope of the inquiry, which has been a lengthy one, has included a vast amount of evidence regarding the disaster, much of it being of a highly technical character. A number of theories have been put forward by some of the witnesses as to the probable cause of the disaster, and a considerable quantity of expert evidence dealing with the management of coal-mines has been adduced for the purpose of assisting the Commissioners in the preparation of their report, which will, it is understood, not be ready for some time, owing to the highly technical nature of the evidence upon which it will be based.

The City Council's Contribution to the Fire Brigades Board.—At yesterday's meeting of the finance committee of the City Council, Alderman J. Lane Mullins (chairman) presiding, the question of payment of the City Council's contribution to the Fire Brigades Board was dealt with. The total contribution last year was a little over £4156. In the present year the sum has been increased to £6113. The committee recommended to the council the payment of the quarter's moiety of that amount.

A Wood-blocking Loan.—The finance committee of the City Council, at its meeting yesterday, decided to recommend to the council that a series of loans for the purpose of wood-blocking and renewal of the wood-blocking of the city streets should be raised, the first loan to be one of £50,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. The reason the committee did not propose to raise the £100,000 at once was because the whole of the work could not be done during the year, and there was no necessity to have the balance lying idle while interest would have to be paid on it.

A Rare Pearl.—Mr. Charles A. Burt, who is at present on a visit to Australia, has secured a magnificent specimen in the pearl which was obtained at Shark Bay, Western Australia. It is 3¼in. in circumference, and comprises about 150 pearls in the form of a cluster. Mr. Burt is also the possessor of several other fine pearls which were got at Western Australia, and he intends taking the collection to England.

We have received from Messrs. David Jones and Co. a copy of their "Autumn and Winter Fashions for 1903." The book is a comprehensive production, and its cleanly-printed plates illustrate not merely the more important developments of dress mode—tailor-made gowns, promenade and evening costumes, and others—but also a variety of accessories in the form of trimmings, embroideries, &c.

Mr. Cunningham, of Edith-street, St. Peters, writes, warning householders of the danger attendant upon centipedes in bathrooms. He states that the vermin is frequently to be found in damp places, generally near the water-tap, a circumstance of which he had a bitter personal experience.

Entries for all classes in the poultry sections at the Royal Agricultural Society's Easter Show must be lodged with the secretary to-day.

Mr. John Plummer has received from the Private Secretary, Buckingham Palace, a letter expressing the King's thanks to Messrs. Plummer and Hugo Alpen for a copy of their song, "Our King Beyond the Sea," which they had presented to his Majesty.

We are informed that the secretary to the board of examiners in London of the Incorporated Phonographic Society has reported that at the last examination for the teacher's diploma held in Sydney, the following gentlemen were successful:—Messrs. John Bray, F. E. S. Hewison, A. T. Thomas, and J. S. Summerhayes. Mr. Summerhayes secured honours.

"A Returned Soldier" writes, stating that the Patriotic Fund is being administered in an unfair way. He refers to the exclusion of the irregulars from any participation in the fund, and says, "It is on behalf of these men who, after serving their country, returned here broken down in health, and are therefore precluded from following their usual occupation, that I write. In several of the corps I refer to there were whole squadrons composed entirely of Australians, such corps as Roberts' Horse, Imperial Light Horse, Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, the Kaffrarian Mounted Rifles, Kitchener's Scouts, and others who distinguished themselves in the late war. I feel sure it was the intention of the subscribers to the fund to extend its benefits to all Australians leaving Australian shores to assist the mother country."

The Marrickville Band will play a selection of music in Prince Alfred Park this evening.

The steamer Newcastle will leave the wharf at the foot of Market-street at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon for a trip to the Hawkesbury.

Combined rail and steamer excursion to the Hawkesbury will be made to-morrow. Trains will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Night Refuge and Reformatory, Francis-street, will be held at the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. this evening.

The R.A.A. Band will perform in Hyde Park this afternoon.

The attendance of the public at the undermentioned technological museums for the month of February (in the afternoon only) was as follows:—Sydney 7594, Newcastle 2921, Bathurst 1851, West Maitland 2325, Goulburn 1592, Albury 790.

ARLTUNGA GOLDFIELDS.

THREE DAYS' RAINFALL.

AMPLE SUPPLY FOR MONTHS.

REEFS IMPROVING WITH DEPTH.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

It has rained steadily and necessarily on the Arltunga field since Sunday morning, for three days, at the rate of about ½ inch daily. All work has been stopped. The ground is soaked and boggy. Soakages in the creeks will last for months. Winnecke's Reward is still improving. In the cut on the big formation more iron is making, and it is all rich stone.

A splendid reef has been struck on the Melba. It is rich, and making as it is sunk on. There is a new reef 200 yards from the shaft. Another carrying good gold on the same property was struck further north.

On the Golden Junction, in following small veins, three new reefs carrying payable gold at 5ft. deep were found. All the reefs worked on are improving in quality and size as depth is attained. Prospects generally are excellent.

The Minister controlling the Northern Territory (Mr. Jenkins) has received a telegram from the warden, Mr. Gee, at Oodnadatta, advising that he is leaving by special coach on Friday en route for the fields, in company with 150 men. He states that mails are delayed by flood in the Finke River, and that Grundy advises that there is no accommodation on the fields.

THE MELBA LEASES.

Messrs. Laurie and Gurner (writes the Adelaide "Register") supply the following report by Mr. J. J. Lawson on the Melba leases, Melba and Melba Extended:—Have made exhaustive examination Melba holding, and find that considerable amount of prospecting work has been done by costeening excavations and sinking. Shaft sunk 27ft. on north and south reef, from which 10½ tons unpicked stone returns 2½oz. gold per ton. In south drive at bottom of shaft reef 18in. wide; amber quartz and ironstone prospects equal to 4oz. Good, almost phenomenally rich, stone on surface of southern end of lease is a strong indication that Reward lode traverses property. On crown of low hill westward from general workings indication of a third lode occur; iron and sandstone schist here gives assay 3dwt. per ton. Between shaft and indication of Reward lode costeens show several rich veins running north and south. On Melba Extended large east and west lode outcropping is now being sunk upon, showing splendid gossan and mineralised quartz, which dollies good gold. Taking position and prospects of property at present obtainable into consideration, have every confidence in its development into valuable property, and can strongly recommend as a genuine mining investment.

THE QUORN SYNDICATE.

Letters from Mr. W. Morton, of the Quorn syndicate, dated Winnecke's Depot, February 14, appearing in the "Quorn Mercury," describe the country en route to Arltunga as follows:—"From where I last wrote, seven miles south of the police camp, is three or four miles from Alice Springs so-called township. The water and feed were good. We took this route, as we could save about 10 miles in going to the depot this way, but the road through this range was like climbing over mountains, something to shake the nerves of a weak person. But nothing would stop us, so after using the bar and jack to get out some of the worst boulders, we managed to get through without capsizing our dray, and the road afterwards was fairly good to Bond Springs Station, where we camped till Sunday, and as luck favoured us this time we obtained some beef, the last they intended to sell to anyone. It seems a shame to cut off the supply at this place, as it is only about 20 miles from the depot and on the road to Alice Springs, and why they have done so is only known to themselves. We left the Bond and next camped at a place called Sliding Rock, where a party of men are trying for alluvial gold. We travelled two miles further, and liking the look of the country for goldsearching we decided to stay and give it a trial. The result of two days' prospecting rewarded us well, I am glad to say. Of course it was not any use prospecting without rights, so I saddled a horse and started for Arltunga—30 miles—to see the warden, but on reaching here I heard he was on his way here also, so I am staying at Prospector's Camp waiting for him. They are getting good alluvial gold here. One man got an ounce in four hours this morning. He showed it to me. I trust the people will not rush up here without rations, for if they do there is sure to be a famine. The diggers now cannot get supplied, and it will be much worse shortly. If you want 50lb. of flour you can only get 26lb.—that is the state of affairs at present."

"Alice Springs, February 13.—We have luckily found what we came for—gold—but people must not think that they can always pick it up so easily as it was our fortune to do. It has caused a big rush to the place, and when they had seen the specimens at Alice Springs they cleared out, like a regiment of soldiers, to the show. Well, I hope the claim proves a 'bank.' As it is we got good gold at 10ft., and two separate holes sunk on the reef ought to be a pretty good test of its worth. As we go deeper the gold is cemented through rock, which is a good sign of its permanency."

TO-DAY.

Cricket: Lord Hawke's Team v. New South Wales, Cricket Ground, noon.

Brighton Races: First Event, 2.40 p.m.

Meeting re Resumed Area: Waterside Workers' Institute, 8 p.m.

Welcome to Miss M'Lean: Presbyterian Church, Wellington-street, Newtown, 8 p.m.

Sydney Night Refuge and Reformatory: Annual Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30 p.m.

United Friendly Societies' Picnic: Committee Meeting, I.O.G.F. Temple, Elizabeth-street, 8 p.m.

Manly-Pittwater Tramway League: Annual Meeting, Clarendon Hotel, Manly, 8 p.m.

N.S.W. Football League: Meeting, St. George's Hall, Newtown, 8 p.m.

Unemployed Meeting: Outside Public Works Office, 2 p.m.

The Mutoscope: Royal Arcade and 74 Oxford-street.

Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions and Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: "The World," 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: New Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "When the Lamps are Lighted," 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: "The Wrong Mr. Wright," 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "Esau," 8 p.m.

PERSONAL.

His Excellency the State Governor (Sir Harry Rawson, K.C.B.) will leave Camden to-day for the vice-regal country residence at Moss Vale. He will not return to Sydney until just previous to Easter.

Mr. Christopher Stansfield Robinson, who has been offered the position of Chief Judicial Officer of New Guinea, is a son of Canon Robinson, who for many years was in charge of the parish of All Saints', Brisbane. Mr. Robinson is a solicitor of the Supreme Court, Queensland, having been admitted on March 5, 1895. His parents reside in New Zealand.

Mr. R. S. Mackenzie, who after 27 years' residence at Bowral is leaving on a visit to Scotland, was on Wednesday night, at the local Town Hall, presented with a handsome illuminated folio address by the townspeople, in recognition of his services to the town as an alderman, president of the School of Arts, member of the hospital committee, and in other capacities. Mr. Mackenzie was also the recipient of a smoker's kit from the employees of the municipal council.

Mr. J. M. C. Forsayth, of Messrs. E. Forsayth and Co., the well-known trading firm of New Britain, was a passenger by the steamer Tanglin, which arrived in Sydney last night. Mr. Forsayth was accompanied by his wife and family, who will remain in Sydney for some months. Mr. Forsayth will return by the Tanglin upon her next trip.

Mr. Tideswell, late brigade sergeant-major, New South Wales Military Forces, who will leave by the Persic for England to-morrow, was the recipient on Tuesday evening last of an address, purse of sovereigns, and silver-mounted walking stick, as a token of esteem from his friends throughout the State. Quartermaster F. Smith, in presenting the address, outlined Mr. Tideswell's career for the past 35 years, referring to the high estimation in which he was held by all branches of the service. Warrant-officer Mackelston presented their guest with a purse of sovereigns on behalf of the military forces and rifle clubs of the State. Captain Foskett, secretary of the N.R.A. of New South Wales, presented Mr. Tideswell with a silver-mounted walking stick, on behalf of the Randwick range officials, and regretted very much the loss of his services as the statistical officer of the annual rifle matches, and looked upon him as the orgnator of the best system in Australia.

Mr. Wesley Maley, M.L.C. of Western Australia, who is on a holiday tour through the Eastern States, left Sydney yesterday for the Jenolan Caves.

Mr. Hampton, secretary of the Western Australian Law Department, is now in Sydney, investigating on behalf of the Western Australian Government the methods of administration in the eastern States.

Commander Ylier, of the French cruiser Meurthe, M. Biard d'Aunet, the Consul-General for France, Don Arturo Cuevas, Commander of the Chilian Transport, General Baquedano, and Lieutenant O'Reilly were entertained by his Excellency the State Governor at luncheon on Wednesday.

The remains of the late Miss Milber Gertruda Aarons, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aarons, of Carmyle, Petersham, were conveyed to the Rookwood Cemetery yesterday afternoon by Messrs. Coffill and Co. Miss Aarons died at Shanghai, China, on February 4 last while she was going to America with her sister. The remains were cremated and brought to Sydney in the steamer Tsinan in an urn. The urn was placed in a silver-mounted casket, surrounded with swansdown, on Wednesday, and the funeral took place yesterday at Rookwood, the Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith officiating at the graveside. Miss Aarons was an accomplished musician and elocutionist, and was aged 21 years and 9 months.

The death is announced of Mr. William Henson, ex-M.L.A., at his residence, Glinla, Elizabeth-street, Ash

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

GOLD PAYMENT OF CHINESE CUSTOMS.

OBJECTIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

LIGHTENING CHINA'S BURDEN.

LONDON, March 18.

The "Times" says that all the commercial nations, and certainly Great Britain, must refuse to lighten China's indemnity burden by increasing the new Customs tariff by one-third, which would be done by payment on a gold basis.

March 19.

France and Russia joined the other Powers in January in a Note to China declaring that any refusal to pay the indemnity in gold would be a grave violation of the peace protocol and would entail on China a serious responsibility.

The latest attitude of France and Russia on the Customs question (i.e., their willingness to consent to maritime Customs payment on a gold basis) has caused a deadlock among the diplomats at Peking.

The attitude of the two Powers is attributed to the smallness of their trade with China compared with Great Britain's.

CANADA.

SUBSIDY WANTED BY THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

LONDON, March 19.

The Canadian Grand Trunk Railway asks for a subsidy of 10,000dol. (£2000) per mile of the extension of its system to the Pacific.

A TERRIBLE DERAILMENT.

SIX FATALITIES, 140 PERSONS INJURED.

LONDON, March 19.

A train, while approaching Guelph, Ontario, yesterday, became derailed and descended an embankment of 15ft. into a creek.

Six persons were killed, 30 were seriously injured, and 110 others were slightly injured.

THE CHINESE POLL TAX.

LONDON, March 18.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, has introduced a bill into the Dominion House of Commons increasing the poll tax on Chinese immigrants to 500 dollars (£100) and making masters of vessels liable for the immigrants.

THE OROTAVA.

IN COLLISION AT GIBRALTAR.

LONDON, March 18.

The R.M.S. Orotava, 5857 tons, and the ship Netherby, 1448 tons, were in collision at Gibraltar.

An examination of the Orotava showed that the damage to her was slight. It is hoped that the vessel will proceed on the voyage to-night.

The Netherby was also damaged.

The Orotava left London on March 13 for Australia, and was due to leave Gibraltar on March 18.

LIGHT GUNS FOR WARSHIPS.

POMPOMS TO SUPERSEDE MAXIMS.

LONDON, March 18.

One-pounder pompoms are to supersede Maxim guns in the navy.

A trial of the pompoms was made by torpedo-boat destroyers in the Channel. The results were very satisfactory.

NEW ZEALAND LABOUR DISPUTES.

LONDON, March 18.

Mr. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General for New Zealand, complains that the cablegrams published in the "Times" greatly exaggerate the New Zealand labour disputes. He also says that only 53 Auckland cabinetmakers are locked out.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Regarding the Agent-General's complaint that cablegrams in the "Times" greatly exaggerated the labour disputes in New Zealand, it may be mentioned that the union concerned states that between 75 and 80 men are still locked out at Auckland. Informations for alleged breaches of the award have been lodged by the Registrar of Industrial Unions against two of the principal firms concerned in the lockout, also against a union of employers.

Something in the nature of a deadlock has occurred in farming. Otago farmers refuse to pay more than 9d an hour, and the men refuse to work under 10d.

REVOLUTION IN URUGUAY.

LONDON, March 18.

A revolution has occurred in the Republic of Uruguay, South America.

Eight thousand rebels threaten to attack Monte Video, the capital. Fighting has commenced.

RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IN FRANCE.

DEPUTIES SUPPORT THE PREMIER

LONDON, March 19.

The French Chamber of Deputies yesterday gave M. Combes, the Premier, a majority of 43 votes on the question of his rejecting applications for authorisation from 25 educational religious confraternities.

M. Combes, in the course of his speech, emphasised that the last elections favoured the suppression of associations which threatened a counter revolution.

The Premier's speech was ordered to be placarded through France.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, March 18.

Heavy snowstorms and torrents of rain have rendered all movements in Macedonia impossible for a month.

The chess tournament at Monte Carlo has closed. Tarrasch won 20 games, Maroczy 19, Pillsbury 18½, and Schlechter 17.

The amnesty proclamation issued in Natal has occasioned delight and gratitude in the Dutch districts of the colony.

March 19.

The King of Sweden and Norway has determined to appoint separate Consuls for Norway.

Mr. Whitaker Wright, who was to appear before a New York police court yesterday on a charge of being a fugitive from justice in connection with the London and Globe Corporation case, is suffering from bronchitis. The hearing of the charge has accordingly been adjourned till the 30th instant.

A resolution stating the desirability of granting self-government to Wales was negatived in the House of Commons last night by 146 votes to 74.

EASILY REMEMBERED.

ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS in your grocery list. The children will remind you that ARNOTT'S are what they always welcome.—Advt.

BRITISH POLITICS.

BYE-ELECTION AT RYE.

A LIBERAL GAIN.

LONDON, March 18.

In the election for the representation of the Rye Division of Sussex in the House of Commons, vice Colonel A. M. Brookfield, who has been appointed to the Consular service, Dr. C. F. Hutchinson, Liberal, defeated Mr. Boyle, Conservative, by a majority of 534.

[Colonel Brookfield (Conservative) has represented the Rye Division of Sussex for many years. At the last general election the figures were: Colonel Brookfield, Conservative, 5375; Dr. Hutchinson, Liberal, 2887.]

CAUSE OF THE CONSERVATIVE DEFEAT.

PUBLICANS AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, March 19.

The defeat of the Conservative candidate at Rye is attributed to careless Unionist organisation, and to the estrangement of the publicans owing to magistrates cancelling licenses, also to the spectre of a large military expenditure.

The "Times" warns the Government that, the ideals of Mr. St. John Brodrick (the Secretary of State for War) and the military experts being at variance with the country's, it rests with the Council of Defence to place the navy in its proper place and determine the size of the army accordingly. Otherwise a perilous reaction will be prepared and hastened.

[A writer in the "Times," discussing the "Problem of the army," says:—"Our naval supremacy is the keystone of our whole defensive position. Not only is it the most important issue in itself, but it also limits the military question by the consideration of expense. Our military expenditure must always be the balance of what we can afford to spend after making sure we have satisfied our naval needs. Even with our great wealth we cannot aim at being at the same time the leading sea power in the world and a first-class military power in the sense in which those words are understood on the Continent of Europe. The problem we have to solve is therefore how to make the best possible use of the land forces we can afford to maintain, utilising our naval supremacy to the fullest in our military dispositions, employing our army, not as an expensive alternative to the navy but as a complement of it, a striking arm to reach where the navy cannot reach. Even so, without maintaining a numerically large army, we can be formidable enough on land."]

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

EFFECT OF REFUSAL OF LICENSES.

THE PREMIER'S PROTEST.

LONDON, March 19.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Premier, in receiving a deputation from the Beer and the Wine Trades yesterday, deprecated as unjust confiscation the policy of certain magistrates in refusing renewals of licenses. He hoped that the Quarter Sessions would reverse on appeal the most extravagant decisions of magistrates, and give the Licensing Act of 1902 a fair chance.

[Under the new Licensing Act the magistrates are to have regard, in considering applications for renewal, to entries in the register of convictions recorded against a licensed person as such. Probably it is a too strict obedience to this injunction about which the trades complain.]

GREAT BRITAIN AND ITALY.

A TRIPOLI AGREEMENT.

LONDON, March 19.

The Vienna correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" states that Great Britain has agreed with Italy that the former shall not occupy any territory on the coast of Tripoli.

MEAT CONTRACTS FOR THE ARMY.

LONDON, March 19.

Mr. St. John Brodrick (the Secretary of State for War), in replying in the House of Commons yesterday to a question, said that contracts for the supply of meat to the army in Great Britain stipulate that frozen mutton when supplied shall be from British colonies exclusively.

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

TURKEY YIELDS.

LONDON, March 19.

The "Times" reports that the Sultan yielding to Sir Nicholas O'Conor, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, has issued an irade practically settling the Aden Hinterland difficulty.

GREAT DISTRESS IN FINLAND.

AMERICAN AID OPPORTUNE.

LONDON, March 19.

Great distress prevails in Northern Finland owing to the failure of the crops. American contributions amounting to £25,000 have averted a large mortality among 100,000 persons dependent upon relief. Their sufferings are terrible, and the worst is expected when the thaws of April render the villages inaccessible.

Even in relief work the Russians pursue their policy of crushing those Finns who will not be coerced into destroying the liberty of their country. A correspondent of the "Times" states that the Governor of Finland has published an official notice to the effect that in distributing relief precedence must be given to those communes which have obeyed the military service manifesto, and thus made it clear that in administering the funds committed to his care he will be influenced more by political than by humanitarian considerations.

ALIENS IN PRISON.

COST OF MAINTENANCE.

LONDON, March 19.

An official return states that on March 2 there 625 aliens in English and Welsh prisons, representing 3 per cent. of the prison population. Of this number 102 were serving sentences of five years and upwards.

The maintenance of aliens in prisons costs £30,000 per annum.

THE SAXONY ROYAL SCANDAL.

THE KING'S STRONG MANIFESTO.

LONDON, March 19.

The strong language of the King of Saxony in his manifesto upon the difficulties of the Royal family is intended as a reply to calumnies and to eliminate the germs of estrangement between the people and the dynasty.

RECRUITING FOR THE ARMY.

LONDON, March 19.

Upon the vote for 235,761 men for the regular army in Committee of Supply in the House of Commons last night, Mr. Vicary Gibbs (Conservative, St. Albans), drew from Mr. Brodrick a pledge that greater care would be exercised in the selection of recruits, and in inquiries into character owing to the frequency in the past of dismissals of undesirables and inefficients.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.—March 20.

Benicia, ship, 1810 tons, Captain Jones, from Tacoma. W. and A. Macarthur, Limited, agents.

THE WHEAT SHIP BENICIA, FROM TACOMA.

The ship Benicia, from Tacoma, with a cargo of 3760 tons of wheat, arrived in port early this morning, after a fine weather passage of 22 days. She anchored in Watson's Bay at 1.30 a.m.

ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS.

PLACED WITH ACCRUED INTEREST.

LONDON, March 19.

The New South Wales Treasury bills of £600,000 at 4 per cent., issued at par, have been placed with accrued interest, which reduces the price to 99½.

THE MARKET DISGUSTED.

LONDON, March 19.

The "Daily Chronicle" says that the market is disgusted with the traffic which is going on behind its back.

FALL IN STOCKS.

LONDON, March 19.

New South Wales 3½ per cent. stock is quoted at 98, a fall of 1 since Thursday, and 3 per cent. stock at 88, also a fall of 1.

THE PREMIER IN EXPLANATION.

Sir John See stated yesterday that the money raised by the sale of £600,000 worth of Treasury bills in London was required for the purpose of carrying out public works and meeting the ordinary loan obligations of the country. The direct proceeds of the loan, of course, were not earmarked and sent out to Australia for public works, nor, on the other hand, was the amount payable out of consolidated revenue as interest to the public creditor sent to London. That, the Premier said, would be "double banking," and would cost some thousands of pounds for exchange. Consequently a cross entry was made. The money in London was paid to the banks for interest, and the revenue in Sydney was paid out to the loan accounts. The Premier said that the ordinary business of the State required payments from loan funds in London. The Government had to buy locomotives and similar goods in London, and some of the money would be required for purposes of that kind.

"I said some time ago," Sir John See went on to say, "that it would be better, owing to the stringency of the money market, to raise money by the issue of Treasury bills instead of putting ordinary debenture stock on the market. British consols and other stocks have all come down considerably. While it is said New South Wales has suffered most, we have not been denied the accommodation we want, and we have got it at a reasonable rate. If the Government cleared out the money market here of its surplus cash the rate of interest would go up, and that would react upon the community. That is exactly what I don't want to do. We do not want to penalise the community by making money more costly, and therefore we have taken what I think has been a very proper course.

"It does not matter what the critics may say, we have done our best in the interests of the people. Unfortunately the critics can only criticise: it is for us to act. There has been nothing in the way of a surprise in this matter. We have simply done what Parliament authorised us to do, in order to meet obligations authorised also by Parliament. I dare say that Mr. Carruthers, with his financial genius"— At this stage the Premier broke off, and concluded, "Well, he is not here just yet, and the country has got along as well as it can without him."

THE TREASURER SATISFIED.

Mr. Waddell, the State Treasurer, when asked yesterday about the purposes to which the proceeds of the debentures were to be applied, said that the money was required to meet the ordinary obligations of the Government. The actual proceeds would be placed to the credit of the State with its bankers in London, and two-thirds of the amount would be available to meet interest payments due to April 1. That did not mean that interest was to be paid for out of loans, because the loan accounts would be recouped out of revenue at this end. The object of paying the money away in London was to save remitting both ways. By an arrangement with a neighbouring State a considerable sum would be saved in exchange. The other State wanted £200,000 in London, and he had arranged to pay over that sum out of the proceeds of the sale of Treasury bills. The neighbouring State will hand over £200,000 in cash in Sydney when it is required by New South Wales. The transaction would therefore be an advantageous one for both States.

"This money," said the Treasurer, "will be used for the ordinary loan purposes, such as public works and land resumptions. It will provide for our needs for the next two and a half months. When we introduced the Treasury Bills Bill I stated that the Government would want by June 30 about £4,250,000 to retire maturing debentures, and for other purposes. I do not think from what I know now that we will want quite so much as I said at that time. I hope that by exercising economy we will be able to do with less. In view of the state of the London money market I am very well satisfied with the price realised for the Treasury bills. I know that the London market is in a bad state, not only for colonial loans, but for loans issued by Governments closer to Europe."

OBITUARY.

MR. W. S. CAINE, M.P.

LONDON, March 18.

The death is announced of Mr. William Sproston Caine, M.P., aged 60 years.

Mr. Caine had been Liberal member for the north-west or Camborne division of Cornwall since 1900. He was president of the British Temperance League and of the National, and vice-president of the United Kingdom Alliance.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 18.

At the wool auctions to-day there was a good sale. Prices were unchanged for all classes.

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At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the undermentioned clips:—Meinnarran, 9¾d; Parnassus, 11¾d; Puketoi, 12½d; Alma, 18¾d; Burrabogie, Marathon, 19¼d; Wingadee, 20¼d; Wingard, 21¼d.

QUEENSLAND.

LEASING THE BOWEN LINE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Government has refused the offer of the Wangarratta Divisional Board to take over the Bowen line on certain terms. The Government is negotiating with Mr. Davis, station master at Bundaberg, who has offered to lease the line for £1 a week. Mr. Davis leaves for Bowen in the first steamer to inspect the line.

KANAKAS AFFRAY.

A serious affray is reported from Ingham. It appears that a kanaka on Saturday night last, near Ingham, dangerously wounded another kanaka with a hoe, causing three large wounds on the head and cheek. A portion of the brain protruded, and his recovery is doubtful.

DESTITUTION IN TOWNSVILLE.

So far over 700 cases of destitution, as the result of the recent cyclone, have been dealt with in Townsville. Claims aggregating over £10,000 have been made on the fund by persons who have lost everything. Up to the present about £5000 has been subscribed in Queensland towards the relief of sufferers by the cyclone.

MINE ON FIRE AT EAGLEHAWK.

TWO OTHERS AFFECTED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Information was received at Bendigo to-day that a serious outbreak of fire has occurred in one of the mines at Eaglehawk, and that as a consequence a number of miners had been temporarily thrown out of employment. The fire is in the New Hopeful mine at Sailor's Gully, but so far its origin is only a matter of conjecture. The men in the New Hopeful mine descend by means of the New Argus Company's shaft, and on going to work this morning they found dense volumes of smoke issuing from the crosscut at the 1480ft. level. The smoke was so dense that the men were forced to quickly return to the surface. At the 1480ft. level a connection has been made between the New Argus and the Clarence mines, and the effect is that a natural funnel is thus created. The smoke penetrated the workings of the New Argus and Clarence mine, and it was sufficiently dense in the stopes to preclude all hope of work being carried on. From both the New Argus and the Clarence shafts volumes of smoke were pouring out, and although several attempts were made the men were unable to find the seat of the outbreak. It is surmised that the fire was due to the ignition of a quantity of bags which were placed over a pass in the Hopeful Company's workings, and it is thought that the woodwork in the pass has caught fire.

The "Sydney Mail" of this week contains some large pictures of Townsville, which was recently devastated by a cyclone.—Advt.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Minister for Home Affairs has decided to ask for information which the recent conference of railway experts recommended should be obtained in connection with the trans-continental railway. He has therefore placed himself in communication with the Postal Department on the subject of the carriage of mails, and with the Governments of South Australia and Western Australia with a view of obtaining estimates of traffic, revenue, &c.

A LETTER-CARRIER'S PAY.

The Chief Justice dealt to-day with the petition of Edward M. Bond, a letter-carrier in the Melbourne General Post Office, in receipt of a maximum salary of £132 a year, to be declared entitled to payment at the rate of £150 a year, which was paid for similar work in South Australia. The specific claim was for £3 5s as arrears of salary from December 27, 1900, to February, 1901, representing the difference for that period between the Victorian and South Australian maximum salaries. The Chief Justice made an order for the amount claimed.

DECENTRALISATION OF POSTAL CONTROL.

An important departure in policy is contemplated by the central postal authorities. Up to a recent time every effort has been made to centralise control of the various postal departments. Now it is proposed to take a step in the other direction. Attached to each State Department there is a staff of inspectors who are supposed to keep a vigilant eye on all country post-offices, to visit them at regular intervals, and to audit their accounts. As a matter of fact, inspectors have in most instances remained in the capitals for most of the year and devoted the greater part of their time to clerical work. Mr. R. T. Scott now proposes to adopt the English and American systems and map out the States into districts, in each of which an inspector will be stationed. The inspectors will then be held responsible for the efficient conduct of post and telegraph business in their districts, subject of course to the control of the Deputy Postmaster-General. Mr. Scott will probably visit Sydney and Brisbane at the end of the month in order to take preliminary steps towards putting this scheme into operation.

STATE OCCUPATION OF POST OFFICES.

The Minister for Home Affairs has been advised that the postal authorities in Perth must obtain additional accommodation for their staff. It appears that some officers have been working in the basement of the General Post Office, and this has been found so detrimental to their health that one of them has had to be granted six months' sick leave. There are two rooms in the centre of the buildings which the State Government has locked up, and which it will not allow the Commonwealth to use. Sir William Lyne has addressed a memorandum on the subject to the Prime Minister, in which he has suggested that the only solution of the present deadlock would be for the State to hand over the rooms in question without charging rental; then, if the High Court was appealed to, and it decided against the Commonwealth, the latter could, Sir William says, pay the rent due as from the date of occupation.

The Premier of South Australia has written to the Prime Minister stating that his Government will not hand over the 14 rooms in the Adelaide Post Office now being used for State purposes to the Commonwealth. Sir William Lyne has furnished Sir E. Barton with a minute in reply, in which he insists upon the legal claim of the Commonwealth to all rooms in any of the transferred buildings.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Captain Waller, of the steamer Victoria, was fined £10 for a breach of the Shipping and Seamen's Act by leaving Wellington for Lyttleton on New Year's night without a full crew. One man was left ashore, and the Court held it was the duty of the captain to ascertain whether a full crew was on board or not before he sailed.

The New Zealand band left Wellington to-day by the Corinthic for a tour of Great Britain.

The New Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has decided to wait on the Union S.S. Company with the view of getting direct communication between that port and Sydney.

At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Drug Company a dividend of 7 per cent. was declared.

The Mayor of Wellington declined to attend an "at home" given by the Admiral on the flagship because the city councillors were not invited.

The Royal Arthur, the Ringarooma, the Phœbe, the Karrakatta, and the Archer left Wellington for Lyttelton; the Wallaroo, the Lizard, and the Sparrow for Dunedin.

QUEENSLAND CUSTOMS CASE.

KINGSTON v. ROBERT REID AND CO.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

In the Supreme Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Cooper and a special jury, the hearing of the Customs action, Kingston v. Robert Reid and Co., Limited, was continued. Defendants are charged with passing a false entry with intent to defraud. Sir Arthur Rutledge, Mr. Woolcock, and Mr. M'Gregor appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Feez and Mr. Blair for defendants.

This is the seventeenth day of the hearing.

The following additional evidence was given for the defence:—

A. E. Harlen, manager of defendants' shirt department, Brisbane, further cross-examined, admitted it was wrong to pass fancy flannelette free. The shipping clerk, Priest, was new to the duties, but he must have known flannelette if he looked at the invoices. Witness often had invoices with nothing at all on them.

Then you could fill in the description at your own sweet will?—No.

His Honor: Was that the object of sending blank invoices?—No, I only received one blank since I was with Mr. Reid.

Mr. MacGregor: You said a minute ago you often had such.—That was before I was at Reid's.

By his Honor: The description of the material was blank and contained only the item number, the number of yards.

Mr. MacGregor: Did you use the invoice?—I did not do anything. It was a duplicate.

Do you know whether the original was blank?—I could not say.

His Honor: How were the goods passed?—By the item number.

Then supposing it was the item number for striped flannelette you would take it for granted the invoice was for the same?—Yes.

Mr. MacGregor: Do you remember the name of the manufacturer?—No. I only remember such a thing occurred.

Did it strike you as peculiar?—Not that I remember.

You have mentioned this as the reason why Priest should have applied to you in the case of fancy striped cotton?—Yes. Very likely he did.

Do you remember whether he did or not?—No.

I will ask you once more. What did the description "fancy striped cotton" convey to you as manager of the department?—Well, as I have said, I should have turned up the indent to see what it was.

Did it not convey any distinction as between cotton and flannelette?—Not necessarily. When I found the goods improperly passed I did not take any action for protecting the good name of the firm or my own reputation as an honest manager. A doubt had existed whether material invoiced as silk striped shirting really contained silk. Some had thought it mercerised cotton. There was no well-known trade distinction.

Mr. MacGregor: You order either indiscriminately?

Witness; Yes; the books show that.

After the alterations I have seen in your books, I don't place reliance on them; but I am coming to that presently.

Witness, continuing, said that to describe army grey flannel as cotton shirting was absolutely improper.

Mr. MacGregor: Can you find in any of your books any similar instruction before the Commonwealth tariff was introduced?

The witness looked through the 1900 order-book, and said no shirtings were imported in that year—all made-up shirts.

Mr. MacGregor then went through the London order-book, and read a lengthy list of orders of various kinds—shirtings, flannelette, fancy silk, and others. To witness: Yet you say none was ordered? I challenge you or Mr. Feez to show similar instructions on any of these orders.

Witness said he didn't notice these.

Further cross-examined witness said it was an absolutely innocent matter passing dutiable goods free.

Mr. MacGregor: You have said you got a bonus in February, 1902.

Witness: No, I said during July, 1902.

Mr. Justice Cooper (turning to his notes): I have it here that you said February.

Witness said he wished to correct this. The bonus was given in July.

Mr. Blair in cross-examination submitted a sample to show that many flannelettes were called by other names by manufacturers, also that it was impossible to tell mercerised cotton from silk-striped shirting without analysis.

Mr. M'Gregor obtained leave to further cross-examine.

The witness said a London-placed order contained instructions to invoice silk-checked zephyrs and fancy zephyrs as cotton shirting.

Mr. Justice Cooper announced that he would have to leave in three weeks on circuit, and next week in order to complete the evidence before going he would sit half an hour later each day. The jury would also hold themselves ready to sit on Saturday if necessary.

THE DROUGHT.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

The fund is controlled by a committee of citizens. The honorary treasurers are Messrs. George Maiden, Frank Grimsley, and J. Rendal Carey, and the honorary secretaries are Messrs. Thomas Nesbitt (town clerk) and H. C. Brierley, A.I.A.V. Communications addressed to the honorary secretaries, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, will receive prompt attention. The amounts received on account of this fund to date are as follow:—

Amount previously acknowledged	£12,608	4 2
Burwood Committee, second instalment, including street collection, £64 18s 2d, making £255 in all	100	0 0
Balmain street collection ...	97	14 6
Wyse Brothers, Jerilderie and Narrandera ...	10	10 0
Per J. F. Jochau, Murrurundi:—		
D. G. Keys (Mayor) ... £2 2 0		
John Taylor 2 2 0		
Amounts under £1 ... 4 6 0	8	10 0
Church of England Parish of Berry, per Archdeacon Gunther, V.G.:—		
Berry £5 2 3		
Foxground 1 3 6		
Brighton Village ... 1 4 3	7	10 0
Upper Colo Progress Association ...	4	3 0
Proceeds of Children's Bazaar, held at the residence of Mr. Henry Collingwood, Drummoyne	4	3 0
The United Service Lodge No. 24	3	3 0
Staff of the Observatory	3	2 0
Re the W. M.	3	0 0
Members of the Wyan Progress Association, Wyandale, Casino	2	10 0
Central Dorrigo Association, per Reubin Dowd	2	7 0
T. A. Watson	2	5 0
Masonic Lodge, Kiama, No. 30	2	2 0
Lodge "Shaw," Stewart, No. 153	1	1 5
C.M.C., G.U.O.G.F., Miller's Forest	1	1 0
Masonic Lodge, "Emulation," No. 127 ...	1	1 0
Total street collections to date, £1774 15s 9d		
Total Ladies' Committee Collections including street collections, £1971 8s 3d		
	£12,755	8 8

Contribution acknowledged in yesterday's issue as Masonic Lodge La Stella d'Italia; contribution acknowledged on the 14th instant as W. H. Seale, C.P.S., Birchgrove, £2 4s, should have been Teachers, Superior Public School, Birchgrove, £2 4s.

DROUGHT RELIEF.

The Lord Mayor's Fund has now reached the sum of £12,755 8s 8d. The street collections aggregate £1774 15s 9d. The two principal contributions to the latter figures were from Burwood (£64 18s 2d) and Balmain (£97 14s 6d).

The committee yesterday received a request for assistance forwarded through the Hon. J. Kidd, M.L.A., Minister for Mines and Agriculture, from Eugowra.

Many requests for assistance are being received from individuals, some of whom are not in the recognised drought-beset portion of the State. One has been received from Blackwall (Woy Woy) and another from Peakhurst. These are hardly likely to be relieved from the Lord Mayor's fund, however justifiable the applications for relief may be. Other places from which pathetic and palpably honest appeals have been received are Stony Creek, near Urangan, and Vittoria, near Blayney. In one case a widow with a family who had lost her estate had battled along bravely to get a new home with the aid of eight dairy cows; but the drought had swept away seven of her cows, and she was reluctantly compelled to seek aid.

District appeals are also very urgent. The council clerk at Narrabri has written requesting at least £200, as a number of destitute families not hitherto considered in need of clothing and food have been found in distressful circumstances. The number of applications to the Mayor of Narrabri was increasing, and the local benevolent society had utilised all its funds.

The Forbes Municipal Council asked for £100. Many families in this district were reported to have abandoned their homes and to be in a state of absolute destitution. The council has promised to supervise the relief forwarded from the fund.

Montagnie reports that six families are in a state of destitution owing to the drought, and seeks help.

From Wentworth comes an urgent appeal for more money. The £50 already sent has proved quite inadequate to relieve all the cases which existed in the vast areas sparsely populated round the inland town.

Trundle has asked for £100, and the letter requesting help received by the committee from this town explains that those who had been helping others in the earlier stages of the drought were now in need of help themselves. There were no crops in the district last year, and 50 per cent. of the stock, although hand-feeding had been resorted to, had perished.

The Farmers and Settlers' Association at Budgerabong requests £100 for distribution in the district, because the need of the place is great.

The committee has received one letter asking that the indignity of having to go to the local store with orders should not be put upon those seeking relief. The committee, however, cannot give away cash, as suggested, but is prepared to assist paying up back debts, and therefore it cannot see any other safe course open to it than to decline to send cheques direct to any applicant. The police continue to give great assistance to the committee in the institution of inquiries into the bona-fides of applications. The letters received are promptly dealt with, and all appeals investigated.

Street collections are to be taken up at Ryde, Canterbury, and Gladesville on Saturday, and the necessary boxes and badges have been despatched to these localities.

The committee has tendered a special letter of thanks to Madame Melba for her concert, couched in the following terms:—"Dear Madame,—On behalf of the committee of the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of distressed settlers, I desire to tender our heartiest thanks, which, I feel sure, are accompanied by the grateful appreciation of the public of this State for your magnificent contribution. The crowded house which received you should be sufficient evidence of the warmth of feeling in the hearts of the citizens of Sydney. The material result of your brilliant matinee will enable many of the unfortunate settlers, who have been reduced to a low condition by the extreme drought, to take up courage again. Your goodness of heart in this connection was sufficiently evidenced some months ago, and is again exemplified by your spontaneous effort which has produced such a noble result. Yours very gratefully, on behalf of the fund, H. C. Brierley, joint hon. sec.

Many of the appeals received have come from districts in which the Hon. W. P. Crick, M.L.A. (Minister for Lands), declared no undue distress to exist. Speaking at the Blayney show yesterday, Mr. Crick said that his speech at Erskineville had been "shamefully misreported in the morning dailies."

NAVAL AND MILITARY TATTOO.

A naval and military tattoo in aid of the Drought Relief Fund will take place at Victoria Barracks on Friday, April 3, at 8 p.m., in which the following bands, trumpeters, buglers, and drummers will take part:—Naval Brigade Band; the Public Schools' Cadet Band; the Police Band; the Lancers' Band and trumpeters; the Field Artillery trumpeters; R.A.A. Band and trumpeters; New South Wales Artillery (garrison), sergeant trumpeter and trumpeters; Corps of Engineers, buglers; 1st Infantry Regiment, band and drummers, sergeant bugler and buglers of headquarter companies; 2nd Infantry Regiment, band and drummers, sergeant bugler and buglers of headquarter companies; 3rd Infantry Regiment, band and buglers of Parramatta Company; 5th (Volunteer) Infantry Regiment (Scottish Rifles), band, pipers, drummers, and buglers (except those of Newcastle, Lismore, and Maclean Companies); 6th (Volunteer) Infantry Regiment (Australian Rifles), band, drummers, and buglers (except those of Goulburn Company); 7th (Volunteer) Infantry Regiment (St. George's Rifles), band, drummers, and buglers; 8th (Union Volunteer) Infantry Regiment, band and buglers; National Guard, band and buglers; Civil Service Corps, band and buglers; University Volunteer Corps, buglers; Army Service Corps, buglers; Army Medical Corps, buglers.

The following committee will carry out the details: Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley, C.O.C.A., Major Sinclair MacLaggan, Lieutenant-Colonel Antill, Major Legge, Captain Pinchen, Warrant-officers Muckleston, Lynch, and Bentley, Captain Kyngdon, R.A.A. (hon. secretary), and Captain Jenkins, R.A.A. (assistant hon. secretary).

THE CABMEN'S UNION.

Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., presided at a largely attended meeting of the Sydney and Suburban Cabmen's Union at the Trades' Hall last night. The chairman reported that the collection initiated by the cabmen on the various ranks for the relief of distressed settlers amounted to £7 3s. It had been hoped that the sum of £10 would have been realised, but the officials had reported to him that owing to the remarks of the Minister for Lands at Alexandria on Saturday the collectors had experienced difficulty in obtaining subscriptions, and had decided to close the lists.

CONCERT AT PARRAMATTA.

On Wednesday evening there was a good attendance at St. John's Schoolroom, when a concert, organised by Misses Hines and Noller, in aid of the Drought Relief Fund, was held. The Mayor (Alderman W. Noller) presided. A good programme was rendered, and the concert was in every way successful.

CONDOBOLIN, Thursday.

The local committee for the distribution of the Drought Relief Fund has received 25 applications for relief, which have been granted in all but two cases.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

At last night's meeting of the local council a letter was received from the Works Department in reply to council's letter urging that the promised grant of £75 for works at Glenfield, Ingleburn, and Macquarie Fields be placed at the council's disposal in order to enable that body to proceed with the works, and thus give employment to distressed settlers. The department intimated that if the council carried out the work the department would recoup that body in July next. The matter was referred to the works committee.

YASS, Thursday.

The Yass Council have decided to provide relief work in the district under the butty gang system. The local unemployed will ballot for work.

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Ask for ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS. Don't be put off with any other brand. Have ARNOTT'S, because ARNOTT'S are the best.—Advt.

SECOND EDITION

SILVER.

LONDON, March 19.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 3-16d per ounce standard.

A CHINAMAN ATTACKED.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning a Chinaman named Oh Lin, a vegetable gardener, was attacked at his house in Queen-street, city, by a foreign sailor. It appears that the sailor, in company with a woman, knocked at the door, and on being refused admittance the sailor attacked Oh Lin with an iron bar. The Chinaman grappled with his assailant, and in the struggle that ensued received severe injuries about the head and face, and had also the top of one of his fingers bitten off. When the neighbours appeared on the scene, the sailor and his companion ran away. Constable Best took Oh Lin to Sydney Hospital, wherein his wounds were treated. At a late hour the constable effected the arrest of a man in George-street in connection with the assault.

VICTORIA.

ASSAULT ON AN OFFICIAL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the City Court to-day a man named William Woodward was fined £5, in default one month, for assaulting the superintendent of the Immigrants Home. It was stated that defendant was an inmate of the institution, and when remonstrated with for his refusal to do any work he made a savage attack upon the superintendent. The Bench expressed the opinion that an able-bodied man like the defendant ought not to have been admitted to the institution.

THE HOWARD SMITH COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Howard Smith Company, Limited, held to-day, Mr. W. G. Spragg presided. The directors reported that the profits on the year's work, including £16,283 brought forward, was £47,092. The usual dividend of 6 per cent. on preference shares and 10 per cent. on ordinary shares was declared.

MINIMUM WAGE AND RAILWAY CONTRACTS

A deputation representing the Trades Hall Councils of Melbourne, Ballarat, and Bendigo waited yesterday upon the Minister for Railways to protest against any omission of the minimum wage condition in calling for tenders for 39 locomotives. The Government proposed to call for alternative tenders with and without the minimum wage condition. Mr. Bent in reply said that the work involved an expenditure of about £200,000. He could say nothing further than that the view of the deputation would be placed before the Cabinet and would receive every consideration.

THE WHEAT HARVEST.

The preliminary official returns of the Victorian wheat harvest show that the area sown was 1,887,300 acres, against 1,754,417 acres for the previous season, and the yield was 2,386,219 bushels, against 12,127,382 bushels, the average per acre being 1·26 bushels, against 6·91 bushels. The stock of old wheat and flour on December 31 last was 899,799 bushels.

NEW PILOT STEAMER.

Another steamer intended for use on the Victorian pilot station, alternately with the Victoria, at present employed there, has been purchased by the pilots, and will, it is expected, be ready to enter upon her duties before the end of June next. She is named the Alvina, and is a steel schooner-rigged steamer of 194 tons gross, with the following dimensions:—Length 138ft., breadth 21ft., and depth about 12ft. The Alvina is not by any means a new vessel, having been used for some years past as a pleasure yacht by her late owner, Mr. Marmaduke Fox, of Yorkshire, England.

ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF MEAT.

The stock agents and butchers regard a further advance in the retail price of beef and mutton as inevitable.

At a recent meeting of the Victorian Rifle Association a resolution was carried, expressing complete satisfaction with the ammunition provided by the Colonial Ammunition Company.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A CHAPTER OF CRIME.

A VILE FATHER.

PERTH, Thursday.

It would be difficult to find a parallel case to one which occupied the attention of Mr. Fairbairn, R.M., at Fremantle, yesterday. A middle-aged man named John Wandless was charged with having posted for transmission through the post certain indecent matter contrary to the provisions of the Indecent Publications Act. Sergeant O'Halloran said accused and his wife had been separated. The wife lived at Plympton and accused at Newcastle. It seems that Wandless had been corresponding with his daughter, a girl of about 16 years of age, and on March 4 the mother found in the girl's pocket the letter which formed the substance of the charge. The letter was handed in, and it was found that in it were made certain proposals, which were frustrated by the mother of the girl. The charge was admitted and accused was sent to gaol for four months.

THE LAWLERS TRAGEDY.

ACCUSED SENTENCED TO DEATH.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

At the Circuit Court yesterday a young man of Greek parentage named Stelios Psichitas was charged with wilfully murdering his brother's wife, Sophia

THE STATE FINANCES.

THE TREASURER'S REPLY TO MR. ASHTON.

THE FIVE INDICTMENTS.

DEFENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Treasurer (Mr. Waddell) made the following statement yesterday in reply to Mr. Ashton:—

"I notice that Mr. Ashton has, in a further contribution on financial matters, expressed surprise that I in replying to criticisms made last Tuesday did not deal with five counts, &c., made in the indictment. I think I made it clear in my reply that I had no intention of allowing the charges to go unanswered when I found it necessary. As I intend at an early date to deal comprehensively with the whole matter and explain to the country the true position of our accounts, I will not go closely into details, but will point out how misleading a great deal of what Mr. Ashton says is. In view of this statement, and my determination to publicly deal with the critics of the Government either next week or at the latest during the week after, I refrained from replying to the charges mentioned. I will, however, gladly accede to the wish of the member for Goulburn, and at once reply to the remaining counts in his indictment. I would like first, however, to observe that Mr. Ashton will find to be true should he occupy the position I do, that it would be absolutely impossible for any Treasurer to discharge the endless duties he has to perform and at the same time reply to criticisms that appear from day to day in the press. Not only so, but if he had the time it would not conduce to the end we all have in view, viz., to let the people of the country know how public moneys are being expended and the credit of the country maintained. It is far wiser and more business-like for the Treasurer of the day to, at stated periods—say once every three months—explain the position of the accounts and reply to criticisms.

REPLY TO THE INDICTMENT.

"I will take the remaining five counts of the indictment. Starting with the first indictment, viz., 'That although Sir John See told the English money-lenders that the proceeds of the four million loan were required for resumption purposes, only £1,300,000 was so applied.' Now, the only statement made to the money-lenders was that made in the usual prospectus, which is issued at every loan, and was as follows:—'The loan is issued under Acts passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, viz., No. 10 of 1900 and 52 Vic. No. 17, which authorise the expenditure of the proceeds upon important works in connection with the resumption of water frontages, and the construction of wharfs, &c., at Darling Harbour, and upon other public works.' By this it will be seen that no statement was made to the money-lenders as to how much or how little of the four millions was required for resumption purposes. But I will go further, and refer Mr. Ashton to the terms of section 11 of the first Act quoted in the prospectus which deals with Darling Harbour resumptions, and is as follows:—'All moneys borrowed under this Act shall be paid to the Colonial Treasurer, and shall be by him carried to and form part of the general loan account, and be appropriated and applied as required to the works and services for which the same are provided, or to any other duly authorised loan services in terms of the Loans Fund Amalgamation Act of 1879.'

"Further, as Mr. Ashton must know, the English money-lenders are well aware of the laws regulating the expenditure of our loan money. By the Loans Amalgamation Act of 1879, now incorporated in the Audit Act of 1902, it is provided that the proceeds of all loans raised shall be carried to the general loan account and be available for any duly authorised loan service. At the time the loan was raised it was expected that the resumption claims would have been settled much more expeditiously than it was afterwards found possible, and that the principal part of the loan would have been required to meet such expenditure.

THE SECOND COUNT.

"Now I come to the next count, viz., 'that while the Government were collecting in rentals from the resumptions 3·74 per cent. on £4,700,000 they were paying interest on only a little more than £2,000,000.' By this I presume Mr. Ashton means that at the commencement of each year provision should have been made for interest on the total amount outstanding at that date. Now, in the first place, how could the Government possibly know what the capital cost would amount to until all claims had been finally settled? That being so, how would it be possible to know what interest would be required? Again, even if they did know what the capital cost was, how could they know what interest would be needed? For instance, if all claims were paid within the first month of the year comparatively a small sum would be required, while, if the payments were spread over the whole year, a much larger sum would be necessary. I need only add that the Government has paid out of consolidated revenue every penny of interest on claims settled up to this date.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINKING FUND.

"The third count was 'that whereas Mr. Wise told the people in London that a net profit of £200,000 had been made out of the resumptions after providing for a sinking fund Mr. Waddell himself informed Parliament that the establishment of a sinking fund was out of the question at present, seeing that less than half of the total liability had been discharged.' I did notice in the cables with much surprise that Mr. Wise was reported to have made such a statement, but I feel convinced that no such statement was ever made by him. No doubt Mr. Wise had, when speaking of the probable financial results of the resumptions, when claims had been settled and the area reformed, made some remarks of the character referred to which might easily by mistake have been taken as referring to the present.

POWER TO BORROW £7,000,000.

"I now come to No. 4.—'That, in spite of the Treasurer's assurance that £4,250,000 would suffice for the needs of the Government up to June 30, the Government, notwithstanding the obvious improvidence of London, persisted in taking authority to borrow £7,000,000.' In reply I desire to say that although Parliament passed a Treasury Bills and Loan Act totalling £7,000,000 I over and over explained to the House that only £4,250,000 would be required to the end of June, and that £4,000,000 of that would be raised under the Treasury Bills Act, and I further explained that the reason for the passage of the Loan Act for £3,000,000 was that while the money wanted under that Act was provided for temporarily in the Treasury Bills Act it was necessary, and in harmony with the custom that was always followed in such cases, to have power to provide for a long-dated loan of this money at low interest when the Treasury bills matured, such bills being only in the nature of a temporary loan. I would refer the honourable member to my speeches in 'Hansard' made on the occasion of the passage of the Acts referred to. Further, I may add that nothing the Government has done justifies anyone in supposing that it will be untrue to the assurances then given by me in the House. Indeed, I am glad to be able now to say that I have every reason to believe that the Government will not require so large an amount as I then stated. If it be contended that the action of the Government on this occasion would injure the credit of the country, how was it that similar actions before never did? It could not injure our credit in the State, because it was fully explained and reported at the time why the Loan Act for £3,000,000 was passed, and it could not have injured our credit in England unless notice there had been drawn to it, which I am confident it never was, as I follow pretty closely what is said by the English papers, and I never saw one syllable about it.

FURTHER OBLIGATIONS INCURRED.

"Now I come to the last count,—'That notwithstanding a deficiency on the face of their accounts this year of £375,000, the Government have undertaken to incur further obligations involving an annual charge of a quarter of a million sterling without offering a shadow of a suggestion as to how the bill is to be faced.' First, Mr. Ashton has not shown how he makes up this deficiency, but I presume that he does it by adding together the additional estimates, the municipal subsidies, and the £100,000 sinking fund. As regards the additional estimates of £244,000, I gave good reasons yesterday for the passage of these, and also as regards the payment of the £100,000 sinking fund. As to the grant to municipal councils, it was passed at the last moment to mitigate distress. I would here remind the honourable member that while he has charged the £100,000 to the consolidated revenue account he has not given credit for the £188,000 increased estimate of Sir George Turner, which seemed, when I paid the £100,000, and still seems, almost certain to be realised. Perhaps Mr. Ashton will say why he did not give credit for this amount of £188,000, which will make such a substantial reduction on his deficit. Then as to the second part of the count, an annual charge of a quarter of a million sterling. I am at a loss to understand what the honourable gentleman means.

"If this indictment means that the Government are creating liabilities for interest owing to the loans authorised I can only say in reply that no interest is payable until loans are negotiated, and it is not the intention of the Government to negotiate a loan of seven millions, or, as I have already stated, any sum approaching it this year.

A GENERAL REPLY.

"Now, in reply to general remarks. First, as to not including in my estimates the £100,000 which under statute should be paid. To boil the whole matter down it simply comes to this: Sir William Lyne when Treasurer appointed a finance committee to deal with other matters in connection with the accounts. That committee took the opportunity of recommending that certain amounts which had up to that time been treated as suspense accounts, together with some other items, should be included in a deficiency account and covered by Treasury bills, and that an additional sum of £250,000 should be added to the then annual contribution in reduction of the deficiency debt. At that time Sir William Lyne did not anticipate that the old-age pensions and other charges would have totalled such an enormous amount as they have, and he thought this large additional contribution to the annual sinking fund could be borne in consequence of the additional revenue to be received from the Commonwealth. Later on, when I succeeded him, and found that the new expenditure referred to was so great that it would be impossible for the revenue to bear this extra charge of a quarter of a million, I introduced a bill, which Parliament agreed to, reducing the amount to £100,000. At the same time, instead of including a very large amount for plague, war, &c., which Sir William Lyne had included in the deficiency account, I decided to allow these sums to remain an immediate charge on the revenue, and thereby greatly reduced the amount to be met by Treasury bills, and I provided the first payment of £100,000 should be made the following year. When the time arrived for preparing the Estimates for that year, finding that the terrible drought was likely to seriously affect the revenue as compared with what it would have been otherwise, I pointed out to the House that I was unable under such circumstances to increase the annual contribution by such a large amount. But I said that if Sir George Turner's estimate of the amount to be returned from the Commonwealth was likely to be realised I would pay the £100,000, although it had not been included in the Estimates. Finding that the Federal Treasury estimate was almost certain to be realised I kept my promise and paid the sum. Now in view of these circumstances, and in view of the fact that neither the country nor Parliament had made any demand for this extra amount to be set aside, but that it was done entirely at the instance of Sir William Lyne, under the circumstances mentioned it is simply folly to talk about it as an act of repudiation in the ordinary sense of the term, even had the amount not been paid this year.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"If we have received more revenue from the Commonwealth we have had to find an enormous sum to meet new obligations; and to blame the Government under these circumstances, and in view of the drought, for not proposing to increase the annual contribution of £100,000 to £250,000 at the time of the passing of the Estimates, is to take a very unreasonable attitude. Had the Government proposed to reduce the annual payment of £150,000 then there might have been cause for this outcry.

"Referring to the next paragraph, as I have already explained it is simply impossible for any Government to keep recasting their Estimates, which involve many weeks of work, to suit the varying conditions of the time; and, speaking from memory, I think it was about the middle of December that, as an outcome of the conference, it was proposed to provide for the supply of seed wheat, &c. Now as to the next matter, and my explanation of the item in the House, I feel that in such explanation I scarcely did the Government or myself justice. I would remind my honourable friend that not so long ago he failed to do himself justice when he charged the Government with increasing the public debt when a new loan was negotiated to pay off an old one.

"Referring to my honourable friend's concluding remark respecting the loan account, I wish to say, if I were to deal with him as he sought to deal by me when criticising my action in introducing the Treasury Bills Bill and the Loan Bill I would accuse him and his friends of having, by their repeated unpatriotic utterances, to some extent blasted the character of the country, and prevented the Government from floating the whole of the bills passed by the Parliament to place the loan account in a sound condition, and, to follow up his own remarks, the proceeds of which would have still more relieved the position and enabled the Government to repay into the trust funds the amounts temporarily used. Any further remarks by the honourable member I will reply to when dealing with the whole question of the financial position."

VICTORIAN POLITICS.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DEADLOCK.

CONFERENCE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

PROPOSALS BY ASSEMBLY MANAGERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The conference between managers of both Houses was resumed to-day.

Mr. Irvine proposed that the question of the deadlock provisions should stand over for the present so as to allow other points to be discussed in the meantime. Taking up the question of single electorates, he pointed out that since 1889 out of 168 elections for the Council 142 were uncontested, and on an occasion on which the sitting member was ousted only a third of the electors went to the poll.

Mr. Fitzgerald complained that the Premier had chosen a disingenuous illustration.

Mr. Irvine very warmly resented this, and Mr. Fitzgerald agreed to withdraw if his remark had given offence.

Mr. Wynne expressed the opinion that there had been as many uncontested elections for the Assembly as for the Council.

Mr. Shiels: Why, I have had more contests than all the rest of the members of your House put together.

Mr. Fitzgerald: You love a contest. (Laughter.)

Mr. Shiels laid stress on the fact that Sir H. Cuthbert and other Council members had argued for single electorates for the Senate in the Commonwealth Constitution.

Mr. Fitzgerald: Is this for the purpose of wasting time?

Mr. Shiels hoped the spirit of courtesy would prevail. *He complained of the distinct change of tone in the attitude of members of the Council.*

Sir A. Peacock pointed out that the council had affirmed the principle of single electorates in the Assembly, and if it was good for the Assembly it should also be good for the council.

Mr. Fitzgerald considered that no good would result from further discussion on the point.

Mr. Mackey suggested as a compromise double electorates for urban constituencies and single for rural ones.

Mr. Bent regarded the suggestion as a fair one, and a big concession on the part of the Assembly.

Mr. M'Kinnon characterised the suggestion as reactionary, and calculated to produce friction between town and country.

Mr. Irvine regarded the suggestion as presenting features worthy of consideration, and not reactionary.

Sir H. Cuthbert intimated that there would be no chance of inducing the Council to adopt this proposal.

Mr. Irvine expressed regret that this attitude should be assumed without fuller consideration. He asked that the matter of numbers should be considered, and intimated that the Government might possibly concede 32 members for the Council and 64 for the Assembly.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the Kyabram programme of 23 members almost amounted to an absurdity and would reduce the independent members to 13. In the opinion of the Council, 36 was the lowest number which could give weight and dignity to decisions of the House, and which could be accepted.

Sir Alexander Peacock appealed to Council members to give way a little.

On the conference resuming after dinner, Sir H. Cuthbert said that at the afternoon sitting some very important proposals had been submitted to the Council managers. Several of them deserved important consideration, and he thought it would be well to adjourn till Tuesday so that the subjects in question could be considered meanwhile.

The Premier agreed with Sir H. Cuthbert, and the conference then adjourned.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

On the motion for the adjournment of the Legislative Assembly several labour members condemned the Government for not making more efforts to find work for the unemployed. The Minister for Railways characterised the labour statements as "vabber," and claimed that he had done more for working men than all the labour party. During ninemonths the Government had found work for 3000 men, and he contended that no Government had ever done better. He resented insinuations that he had bought land along the proposed Brighton railway line, and said that he only bought a small lot long before becoming a Minister. He had done everything openly, and he strongly condemned Mr. Prendergast's dirty talk on the subject. The House adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

THE WEATHER.

HALF AN INCH OF RAIN AT BROKEN HILL.

Thunder showers passed over a large area of the State yesterday, and at a few places acceptable falls of rain resulted. At Broken Hill 7 points were measured up to 9 a.m., and during the course of the day an additional quantity of 44 points was recorded, making a total of upwards of half an inch. Nearly three-quarters of an inch fell at Katoomba yesterday, but at other centres on the mountains the amounts registered were smaller. The following records for the 12 hours ended at 9 p.m. were supplied to the Observatory last night:—

	Points.		Points.
Katoomba	71	Hay	10
Broken Hill	44	Coolah	10
Bathurst	27	Cadal	5
Springwood	22	Tarago	3
Mount Victoria	12	Bowral	4
Lawson	12	Coonabarabran	1

Smooth to moderate seas were running along the coast last night, and, generally, fine weather conditions prevailed. Rain, however, was falling at Eden. Light to fresh S. and S.E. winds were blowing south of Port Stephens, and N.E. winds prevailed along the coast northwards of Seal Rocks.

Mr. Russell predicts showers, associated with thunderstorms, over various districts to-day, with north-easterly winds.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALL.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Heavy rain has fallen in parts of the south-eastern coast districts, where showery conditions still prevail. The following are the principal falls for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—Camboon 70 points, Beenleigh 109, Bulwer 411, Caboolture 387, Clevedon 240, Cooran 123, Cooroy 164, Fernvale 68, Forest Hill 59, Landsborough 230, Mapleton 172, Marburg 130, Nambour 195, Oxenford 65, Palmwoods 227, Sunnybank 65, Tewantin 220, Woodford 1 inch, Woombye 326, Yandina 113.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Early this afternoon the wind chopped round to the east, and the weather broke. Only 20 points of rain fell at Stephen's Creek to 3 p.m.

It rained steadily since 11 a.m. to-day; 37 points fell before 2 p.m. The outlook is more cheerful.

BOURKE, Thursday.

Steady rain is falling, with every appearance of continuing. Barringun reports 15 points and Enngonia 125 points.

HAY, Thursday.

Very light rain commenced to fall this afternoon and will probably continue through the night.

MOLONG, Thursday.

A few light showers fell this afternoon.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Thursday.

A south-easterly thunderstorm occurred early this afternoon.

COLLISION WITH A TRAM.

At about 6 o'clock last evening a collision occurred in Oxford-street, Paddington, between an electric tram and a cart driven by George Fehick. As a result of the accident Fehick, who was employed at Mr. M. Ryan's dairy, Bondi, was thrown to the ground and received concussion of the brain. He was conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital and admitted for treatment.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Owing to the public holiday the Custom-house was closed. The steamer Eurydice sailed to-day for Singapore, via Melbourne, with 300 tons of coal; the steamer Clonmirry for Melbourne, with 3350 tons; the four-masted American schooner Kohala, for Honolulu, with 1545 tons of Seaham coal; the steamer Barrier, for Melbourne, with 1350 tons of coal; and the steamer Sydney, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 750 tons, 34 bales of wool, and 35 cases of biscuits.

The French barque Leon Bureau arrived late last night from Melbourne to load Pacific Co-operative coal for San Francisco.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

The Minister for Works, after opening the show to-day and attending the luncheon, was driven into the city, where he received a number of deputations at the council-chambers.

Mr. W. T. Dick, M.I.A., introduced a deputation representing the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Colliery Employees' Federation, in regard to the improvement of the harbour. The subjects brought forward were the immediate equipment and working of the cranes in the inner basin, and the improvement of the channel and approach thereto. An improved method for the discharge of ballast from sailing ships was also asked, and the entire reorganisation of the system of shipping coal at the Dyke, as proposed by the late Mr. Eddy. The inconvenience of the divided system of control of the harbour between the Navigation Department, the Railway Commissioners, and the Wharfs Department, was also touched upon. A commission of inquiry into the working of the port was recommended, to report on present and future requirements. The silting of the harbour and the removal of certain obstructions were also referred to in detail, and the re-arrangement of leading lights of the port.

Mr. O'Sullivan said he fully realised the importance of the complaints, and the recommendations made would receive attention. He had asked the Railway Commissioners to be present, and regretted that they were not represented except by a report which he read, but this, he thought, did not matter much.

Mr. T. W. Keele, principal engineer for harbours and rivers, at the invitation of the Minister, replied to some of the statements made regarding the immediate equipment in the working of the cranes in the inner basin. He said that they were now ready, and had been ready for approval had been asked for the Railway Commissioners to be allowed to take them over. Approval had been given for the expenditure of £2500 in expediting the work of rock excavation at the entrance to the basin, and directions had been given for the plant to be worked in three shifts, if possible. Vessels drawing 17ft. might safely navigate the channel at ordinary low water during daylight, and as the dredging and blasting of rock proceeded the depth would gradually be increased. Arrangements had also been made for seven dolphins and two leading marks to be erected for facilitating the navigation of the channel. With regard to the shoal off the Bogie Hole, directions had been given for borings to ascertain the nature of the material, and until this information was available a reliable estimate could not be prepared of the cost of doing either portion or the whole of the work. The general deepening of the upper harbour to give accommodation for loading vessels was entirely a question of necessary funds being provided. The annual vote for several years past had been quite inadequate for all the dredging that had been required at the various reaches, and it would be useless to compare with other places. The removal of lightship rocks and the shoal inside, also the shoal off Stony Point, would be exceedingly costly, but it was not considered a matter of urgency for more than a year or two at Stony Point. The replacement of the steam cranes was a matter for the Railway Commissioners. With respect to the provision of jetties and dolphins for mooring ships in Waratah channel alongside Walsh Island and Carrington, approval had been given for an expenditure of £3500 in the erection of four sets of ballast jetties, and a further sum of £4700 would be expended in dredging to give access to the jetties. The reorganisation of the system of shipping coal at the dyke, as proposed by the late Mr. Eddy, was a matter for the consideration of the Railway Commissioners, and the question of a more speedy method of discharging ballast from sailing vessels into departmental trucks was a matter which should be dealt with by the owners of vessels, as appliances were provided to receive ballast as fast as unshipped.

Mr. O'Sullivan also received deputations on other local matters, which he promised to give attention to.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The Sydney Philharmonic Society opened its season at the Town Hall brilliantly last night, in so far that the attendance was unusually large, and that, after a lapse of 11 years, the "Creation" was adequately revived. Considering the popularity of Haydn's masterpiece, the Philharmonic Society has had recourse to it but seldom. This abstinence may have arisen from a feeling that the work does not give quite enough to the chorus, and depends largely upon the soloists for first-rate representation in this part of the world. At any rate, Philharmonic records show that M. Henri Kowalski conducted the oratorio at the University in November, 1887, with Miss Frances Saville, Mr. W. Smith, and Mr. Hallewell as soloists, and that it has only been performed once since that date. This was in May, 1892, when Signor Hasen, was at the head of affairs, with Miss Bertha Rosow, Mr. Orlando Harley, and Signor Foli (he of the mighty rolling voice) as principals. Although the Philharmonic Society has thus passed over the oratorio for more than a decade it was not altogether lost sight of, as it was impossible to be reminded by suburban choral associations at the Town Hall in July, 1895.

Signor Hasen opened last night with a rendering of the orchestral representation of Chaos admirably marked by solemnity and significance, and all through the evening the instrumental playing (led by Mr. Rivers Allpress) proved a strong point. So, too, the introduction to the second part, a tone-picture suggesting wonderfully the sun rising into all its full-orbed glory, was given with feeling for the music. "The Creation" is generally elegiac rather than dramatic in character, yet it never drops into the tameness and cloying sweetness of "The Seasons," but stands alone in its ever-varying charm and stately grace.

The choral numbers reach grandeur in several instances, and both versions of "Achieved is the glorious work" were given with vigour and animation by the choir. In "Awake the Harp" the fugue theme was not so clearly marked by all the parts as it might have been but telling passages at "Rejoice in the Lord, the Mighty God," in which the female voices run up the scale against the descending tenors and basses, were magnificently delivered. In the rapturous duet "By Thee with Bliss," the choral entry "For Ever Blessed" was wonderfully made, with an effect of awed delight. Although the choral interpretation as a whole, could not be pronounced faultless, it did not show the society absolutely at its best, there were many such points as those described worthy of record, and the impressive "Sing the Lord ye Voices All" brought the whole to a stately conclusion. Here, as elsewhere, Mr. J. Edward Sykes, as organist, made judicious use of the overpowering resources at his disposal.

Miss Edith King, who is retiring from her professional career upon her approaching marriage at Brisbane, made her last appearance in Sydney. The high soprano proved in excellent voice, and sang "With Verdure Clad," and the not less beautiful "Oh Mighty Peor," with the sound artistic feeling for the music and the careful use of her fine voice which has marked throughout her whole career. Miss King will always be remembered here as an accomplished musician whose work has been unexhaustingly reliable, and her place will not at present be filled adequately. Mr. Ernest Wilkinson, who was recently welcomed back to Sydney, and was presented by Mr. R. B. Barton Hoban, secretary, with flowers tied with ribbons marked "Sydney Philharmonic Society. An Revoir," Mr. W. Reginald Gossell, who sang the bass music for the first time, also made a strong impression. He has a great range and power, and though occasionally he dropped into a monotonous style, for the most part he declaimed the recitatives with significance. "Rolling in Foaming Billows" was his opening piece of work, being marked by freedom in the first portion and by a smooth cantabile use of the mezza voce in the pastoral expression of the "Softly Purling." The duet "Graceful Consort" with the soprano, wherein the bass was at times almost too subdued, was one of the best things of the evening. Mr. James Crabtree's light tenor voice was not well suited by the low tessitura of Haydn's music, which is very often of baritone range. Mr. Crabtree had well studied the music, and sang "In Native Worth" sweetly; but his charming voice is not large enough to give the needed dignity to oratorio music, and he was not always audible in the concerted numbers.

The fine attendance, it may be added, was accounted for by an increase to the list of members for this year of 240, so the Philharmonic Society should have a bright year before it. At the next concert the "Israel in Egypt" will be performed.

THE PLAGUE.

CONDITION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ATTITUDE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Yesterday we published the following cablegram, received by the United States Consul, from Washington, dated March 16, 1903:—"Surgeon-general certifies no infection found in San Francisco among persons or rats since December 11, although thorough and continuous daily search has been and is being made. Convey information Sydney authorities.—(Signed) Peirce, Assistant Secretary of State."

Referring to this message yesterday, Dr. Ashburton Thompson, president of the Board of Health, made the following statement:—"The board considered the communication yesterday, and found that it left them in some doubt, although the despatch speaks of a careful and thorough search having been carried on ever since December 11. It is nevertheless the case that the Surgeon-General of the United States did preside at a meeting five weeks later, at which, apparently, the sanitary organisation upon which such a careful search necessarily and entirely depends, was unanimously condemned. The board, of course, does not for a moment pretend to hint at any doubt of the bona fides of the despatch, which it is understood emanated from the Secretary of State. But it is obliged to point out that somewhere a little discrepancy or misunderstanding appears to exist. At present, therefore, the board does not feel itself justified in making any change."

MR. E. T. DUNSTAN'S EVIDENCE.

Dr. Dill Macky writes:—"In the Rev. E. Tremayne Dunstan's examination in the Bankruptcy Court a paper called 'The Watchman' newspaper is referred to as being indebted for a certain sum in connection with the bankrupt's affairs. Now as the public are very likely to connect this statement with the 'Watchman' Newspaper, which is the organ of the Australian Protestant Defence Association, I wish distinctly to state that there is not, and never was any connection between these two papers further than the name. The paper referred to in Mr. Dunstan's examination was a church paper long since defunct, run by him in connection with the Pitt-street Congregational Church."

SUICIDES IN MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An old age pensioner named Henry Medlin, aged 64 years, committed suicide at Collingwood to-day by cutting his throat with a butcher's knife. Deceased parted from his wife three weeks ago. A sum of £17 was found in his clothing.

A man named George Gray, residing at Carlton, committed suicide to-day by taking poison. He was suffering from melancholia.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was a further decline in silver shares on the Stock Exchange yesterday, due to the fact that a fall of 2s 6d in the price of lead was announced by cable from London. Business in Barrier mines included Broken Hill Proprietary at 33s 9d, Junction at 5s 3d to 4s 11d and back to 5s, North Broken Hill at 12s 3d, and Broken Hill South, paid, at 25s to 24s 9d. All other divisions were also easier. A fairly good range of sales was recorded in Charters Towers ventures. Queen Central, paid, sold at 19s 3d to 19s, Band of Hope, paid, at 29s, Victoria and Caledonia, contributing, at 12s, and Bonnie Dundee at 12s 6d. In the Gympie group No. 1 North Oriental were steady at 33s and No. 2 South Great Eastern at 75s, while South Glanmire and Monkland were 3d easier at 33s 3d. Local gold and dredging stocks were quiet. In tin companies Cope's Creek Dredging again had sales at 8s 3d. Copper companies were practically unchanged, the only business being in New Chillagoe Railway and Mines at 6s 4d. Associated Northern Blocks at 72s 9d and Great Boulder Proprietary at 22s 3d were the only transactions in Western Australian ventures.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	50	—
East Greta	20·6	—
Hetton	60	88
Newcastle	16·15	15·0
Vale of Clwydd	20·5	—
Wallsend	55·5	—
Waratah	6·6	6/
Wickham and Pullock Island	—	2/0
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	5·3	5·9
COPPER.		
Girilambone Mining	—	2·6
Great Cobar	7/7	—
MountGarnet Freehold	—	11d
New Chillagoe	6/	6·4
TIN.		
Briseis	7/	9/
Smith's Creek Proprietary	—	20/
SILVER.		
New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	10·6	11·5
Ditto, new	—	10·6
Broken Hill Proprietary	33·3	35/
Block 10	33·9	34/
Block 14	5·3	6/
B.H. Junction	4·10	5·2
B.H. South Blocks	2·3	2·5
North Broken Hill	12·3	13·0
B. H. South	24·6	25·6
Ditto, con.	14·6	15·6
B. H. South Blocks	—	6·3
Sulphide Corporation	6·3	6·10
Tasmania.		
Curlin and Davis	1/	—
GOLD.		
New South Wales, &c.		
Lachlan Gold Fields	8/	9/
Mount David	1·5	1·5
Mt. Drysdale	—	9·
Occidental	—	9·5
Peak Hill	—	1·9
Ditto, con.	—	8d
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Aralgon Central	10·9	—
Aramara Valley Consolidated	8/0	—
Associated Gold Dredg.	2·2	2·7
Buckland River	—	2·6
Cope's Creek	8/	—
Federal Centrifugal	1·3	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	7/	—
Victoria.		
Black Horse S.	—	—
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	28·9	29·6
Bonnie Dundee	—	12·6
Brilliant Block	—	12/
Brilliant Central	66·6	71/
Brilliant Extended	20·9	21·9
Ditto, con.	—	18/
Brilliant St. George	21·6	23·6
Ditto, con.	21·6	22·6
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c.	—	2·5/
Ditto, con.	1·6	2/
Day Dawn Freehold Consol (issued, paid	—	14/
Day Dawn Gold Mines	16·6	17·6
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	6/
Kelly's Queen Block	—	8/
Marshall's Queen	—	23/
Mt. Morgan	—	31·6
N. Columbia and Smithfield No. 1, old	3/	3/3
Ditto, new	1/10	2/4
N'th Oriental and Glanmire	1·6	2·2
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	33/	33·6
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 2	—	3·2
No. 1 North Victory	—	2·
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	1·5	1·7
Oriental Consols	12·6	13·6
Ditto, con.	—	10·6
Oriental Extended	—	5·6
Papuan	9/10	10/1
Queen Central	—	19·3
Ditto, con.	15·3	16/
Queen Central Block	—	6·9
Ditto, con.	—	1·5
Queen Cross Reef	50/	52/
Queen Cross Extended	—	1/4
South Smithfield & Glanmire	1/	1·2
South Glanmire and Monkland	33/	33·6
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	75/
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	12·3	13/
Vesuvius	10·6	14/
Victoria G.M. Association	3·6	4·3
Victory, con.	—	2/
Victoria and Caledonia Block	—	12·9
Ditto, con.	11·9	12/
Western Australia.		
Associated	42/	42·6
Ditto Northern Blocks	72·3	74/
Great Boulder	22·3	22·6
Ditto Main Reef	14/	15·6
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	12·0/	12·10/
Ivanhoe	8·10/	9·2·6
Kalgurli Sonlf, London register	21/	25/
Lake View Consols	58·	61/
L.L.	58·	61/
Ditto, Share Warrants	58/	61/
Oroya Brown Hill	3/6/	—
Queensland Menzies	9/	—

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Overnight sale: South Smithfield and Glanmire, paid, 1s 2d. For one-day: Change: Cope's Creek Dredging, 8s 3d; South Glanmire and Monkland, 33s 3d; B.H. Junction, 5s 3d; Associated Northern Blocks, 72s 9d; B.H. Proprietary, 33s 9d; Broken Hill South, paid, 25s. Later: Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 12s; No. 1 North Oriental, 33s; Bonnie Dundee, 12s 6d; B.H. Junction, 5s 1d, 5s 0d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 75s; Craven's Caledonia, 4s 7d. Noon: Broken Hill South, paid, 25s; Queen Central, paid, 19s 3d; North Broken Hill, 12s 3d. Later: New Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 6s 4d; B.H. South, paid, 24s 9d; Queen Central, contributing, 15s 9d; Band of Hope, paid, 29s; Ruby P.C., paid (seven weeks' delivery), 7s 11d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 12s; Broken Hill Junction, 4s 11d. Afternoon: Great Boulder Proprietary, 22s 3d; Broken Hill Junction, 5s; Jubilee (Victoria), 4s; Queen Central, paid, 19s; Woodlark Island Proprietary, contributing, 1s 7d; No. 1 North Oriental, 33s.

The Smith's Creek Proprietary Tin Mines, No Liability, advises the receipt of the following wires from manager, dated 17th instant:—"For the past fortnight we crushed 650 tons from all parts of the mine for 33 tons black tin. We are now using finer screens, hence less quantity crushed. The erection of hoisting plant, boiler, and temporary poppet legs completed and running well. Expect cages and trucks to arrive this week. On 12th instant had big flood in Smith's Creek, which came over the dam, 16ft. wide and 18in. deep. The test was severe, but no damage was done."

The manager of the Tasman Ophir Gold-mining Company, Beaconsfield (Tasmania), reports under date March 14, as follows:—"During the past week I have repaired the shaft a further distance of 35ft., upwards, making a total of 90ft. since starting. I am now within 10ft. of No. 2 level, shaft still in wash, which shows a little gold prospecting with dish. It is nice, clean wash, but not carrying so much pyrites as wash at 400ft. level, so samples will show you it is not so rich up here. I take result of pyrites and bulk samples as a good sign, it shows the gutter carries free wash and should carry rich gold on bottom. I have also repaired shaft pump end from surface to 300ft. level as ordered by inspector.

Particulars will be found in our advertising columns of the King's Reef (Hill End) Syndicate, which is being formed with a capital of £4800, in 449 shares of £10 each, to work and develop a reef leased at Hill End. The prospectus states that there is a shaft sunk on the property to a depth of 230ft., and near the bottom a wonderfully rich schute of gold has been struck and driven on for about 20ft. to the south without cessation of gold contents. The shaft was sunk vertically, striking reef at a depth of 150ft., and continued on the underlay for 80ft. more, and in driving from that level south the very rich schute of gold before mentioned was discovered. The promoters of the company point out that the flotation scheme is unique, as it provides the capital promptly and leaves the investor with no further liability after payment of the original £10 per share which is payable on application, thus doing away with the system of calls, and at the same time ensuring 50 £1 fully paid shares for each syndicate share of £10, the whole 449 being issued for cash only. Of the capital £2900 will be placed to the credit of the company as working capital. Some very rich stone from the leases is on view at the office of Messrs. Jacob and Ross, Vickery's chambers, Pitt-street, the agents for the company.

PREPARATIONS FOR RESUMPTION AT THE JUNCTION.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

As the result of yesterday's meeting of the Junction board instructions have been given to push on with preparations for putting the mine and plant in condition for the resumption of productive work.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The secretary of Broken Hill Junction Company states that instructions have been sent to the mine to push on with several important works, the completion of which must precede the resumption of milling operations. It is estimated that these works will occupy a month or two.

INTER-STATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 35s 9d, 35s 6d, b 35s, s 35s 3d; Block 14, 5s 9d, 5s 10d, b 5s 10d, s 5s; British, old, 11s 6d, b 11s 4d, s 11s 9d; ditto, new, 8s 9d (50 shares), b 8s 3d; Block 10, 34s 6d, 34s 3d, 34s 9d, b 34s 6d, s 35s; Junction 5s 1d, 5s, 5s 4d, 5s 3d, 5s 4d, b 5s 3d, s 5s 5d; North Broken Hill, 12s 6d, 12s 3d, 12s 10d (50 shares), 13s 7½d, b 12s 6d, s 12s 9d; South Broken Hill, paid, 25s, b 24s 9d, s 25s 3d; ditto, contributing, 15s 6d, b 15s 3d, s 15s 9d; South Blocks, paid, b 5s 10d, s 6s 2d; ditto, contributing, 2s 2d, b 2s 1d, s 2s 2d; Junction North, 2s 8d, 2s 6d, 2s 9d, 2s 8d, b 2s 7½d, s 2s 8d; Sulphide Corporation, ordinary, 6s 9d,

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

The stagnation in business current on the Stock and Share market within the past few days was unrelieved to-day by any very noteworthy feature. The announcement of the new issue of Treasury bills had no effect on the quotations for Government securities. Local holders doubtless prefer, as do bankers, that the English market shall supply whatever funds the Government must have to meet pressing necessities. Bank of New South Wales were in request at 4¾, after selling at that figure. Commercial of Australia scrip deposits rose 3d, having buyer at 13s 6d. Steam were steady. For Mercantile Mutual Insurance 13s 4d was offered. North Shore Gas were again quitted at 35s 6d; Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Brothers' rose 6d, selling at 12s; Australian Brewery receded 6d and sold at 4s. For Permanent Trustee 2s 3d was paid. Silverton Tram weakened 1s, having seller at 6½. Other movements were unimportant.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: Bank of New South Wales, 4¾; Australian Brewery, 4s. Noon: Nil. Afternoon: Nil. Later: North Shore Gas, 35s 6d; Permanent Trustee, 2s 3d; Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 12s.

The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Prices. Buyer.	Prices. Seller.	Yield to Investor.
	£	£	s.	p.a.				p.c.
B. STOCKS&c.								
N.S.W. F. S., 1890	549,550	...	...	4	102	101½	102½	4
Do. Act, 1875.	530,180	...	...	4	103	103	...	3[illegible]
Do. 1912	...	...	...	3	83½	83	90½	4[illegible]
Do. 1912	...	...	...	3½	98	98	...	3[illegible]
Do. deb., 1905	...	...	...	...	101	100	102	...
Do. F.S., 1923	...	...	...	3	91½	...	...	...
Do. T. Bills, 1908	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99	99	...	3[illegible]
Do. T. Bills, 1908	...	...	...	...	98½	...	...	3[illegible]
Consol'd T. Bills	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do. Deb. 1905	800,300	...	...	5	100½	...	...	...
S.D., 1919	...	...	...	4	104	...	...	...
S.D., 1925	...	...	...	3½	...	...	...	...
N.D., 1918	800,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	...
Do., 1914	...	...	...	4	103	...	...	3[illegible]
Cons. Inscribed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do., 1916	...	...	...	5	107	106	...	3[illegible]
City Bpt. Deb.	...	...	...	4	103	100	...	...
BANKS.								
Aust. F.S.	1,150,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,000,000	40	40	11	89	86	...	5[illegible]
City	500,000	10	8	4	7½	7½	7½	6[illegible]
New South Wales	195,000	10	8	4	7½	7½	...	5[illegible]
Commercial of Australia	84,400	20	10	...	5/4	5/	...	7
Dist. prof.	2,117,375	10	10	5	9/	8/	...	5[illegible]
Comm. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	38	36½	38	5
E. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	5/3	...	...	6[illegible]
Dist. prof.	305,780	10	5	...	...	...	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	42½	42½	42½	4[illegible]
New Zealand	427,319	6¼	3¼	5	7½	...	8/	4[illegible]
Queensland	100,000	7	2	3½	1/3/	...	...	...
Union of C.	451,307	9	6½	3	5/6/	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	8	87½	87½	88½	5[illegible]
DEBENTURES.								
A.A. Co.	...	...	...	5	12/9	12/6	14/	4[illegible]
Close L.	...	...	...	3	11/4½	11/2	11/6	4[illegible]
Dibbs Imp.	788,032	...	...	3½	8/6	8/6	...	3[illegible]
Cons. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
A.M.L. Imp.	965,482	...	...	3	12/3	12/	...	3[illegible]
Do. mortg.	3,400,000	...	...	3	12/3	12/6	...	4[illegible]
Do. Ed.	828,998	...	...	4½	16/9	16/6	17/	5[illegible]
Do. Deb.	988,547	...	...	4	17/	16/6	17/	5[illegible]
Do. Ter.	93,122	...	...	4	19/10	19/	...	7
A. Mut. Guar.	...	...	...	3½	11/6	10/6	...	7
BANK.								
Bank of N. Zealand	1,200,000	20	10	...	24/	23/	...	...
Bery	16,428	1	1	...	1/	...	...	...
Bowra	58,000	5	5½	5½	6/6/	5/5/	7/	7[illegible]
Brunette	100,000	1	1	1	...	18/	18/9	7[illegible]
Ph. Coast	181,250	1	17/6	...	22/6	18/6	19/6	7[illegible]
Daly's Creek	120,000	1	1	8	38/	37/6	40/	4[illegible]
Ivanhoe	...	...	...	1	...	33/6	...	...
P. Jackson	25,000	20/	25/	5	19/6	17/6	...	6[illegible]
Nil. Coop.	6,743	...	2½	17/	10/	...	...	...
Sons of Smith	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ordinary	175,160	1	20/	10	...	...	...	...
Dito-ord.	18,708	1	5/	10	...	...	...	...
Nil. Pref.	173,161	1	20/	5	...	...	...	...
Dito Pref.	19,200	1	5/	5	...	...	...	5/
INSURANCE.								
A.M. Fire	50,000	1	10/	16½	32/6	35/6	...	3[illegible]
Nat. Mut.	30,000	1	5/	12½	...	15/4	17/6	5[illegible]
N. Zealand	400,000	10	2	15	7/6/	...	...	...
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10/	8	...	12/	14/	...
Dito	3,502	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	10	8/6/	7/6/	8/6/	7[illegible]
Dito new	3,723	10	1½	6	...	...	...	7[illegible]
GAS.								
Albury	7,800	1	12/6	10	8/	...	...	...
Australian	681,798	5	6	6	17	17½	17½	5[illegible]
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	1	14/6	...	...	...
Southern	10,000	1	1	15	48/6	48/	...	...
Grafton	9,000	1	1	8	27/6	27	28/	5[illegible]
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5	...	...	6	...	3[illegible]
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	25/	...	...	5[illegible]
Metro. New	6,000	10	10	12½	12½	...	...	...
Sydney	6,000	1	1	7	19/	17/6	18/6	7[illegible]
Newcastle	25,175	2	2	15	6	6	6½	5
Do.	...	20/	...	...	28/6	26/	...	...
Do. Shares	120,000	1	1	7	25/6	25/	27/	4[illegible]
Do. New	...	15	...	...	18/	28/	...	...
Brisbane	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	...	...	...	...	7/	...	...	...
BREWERIES.								
Albury	10,500	...	10/	5	...	...	...	...
Dito	4,000	10	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	4,000	10	10	...	4/	3/9	4/6	...
J. I. and Wood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do.	2,000,000	1	4	12½	11/6	12/	...	6[illegible]
Marshall's	30,000	10	5	6	4/6	4/3	...	6[illegible]
Perkins'	80,000	15	15	17½	87/6	...	...	...
Tooth's	550,000	1	1	8	20/6	20/3	20/6	5[illegible]
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	31/9	31/6	...	5[illegible]
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Australian	17,500	15	10	5	3/	...	3/3	16[illegible]
Aus. N. News	40,000	1	1	...	7/	7/9	...	...
B. H. Water Supply	185,000	1	10	20	...	...	21/	10
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	31/6	31/	31/6	...	5[illegible]
Do. New	...	1	5/	8	8/3	...	...	...
Col. Sugar	1,977,200	20	20	10	38½	38½	38½	5[illegible]
Talbot & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	90/	...	90/	...
Dunlop P. Tyre	...	...	...	...	...	...	15/	...
Aust. N. Hall	100,000	1	1	5	3/6	...	...	...
Ben Gravel	34,000	1	1	5	6/	...	6/	...
Colonial Ofke.	12,870	20	20	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Pref. cte.	8,740	20	10	7½	...	...	...	...
Refrigerating Co.	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Do. pref.	70,000	5	5	5½	...	...	...	...
Wallsend Coal	21,000	1	15/	4	15/	15/	...	...
Ed. Tooth	800,000	1	10/	...	16/	...	...	...
A. de Pinna	74,141	1	1	8	22/	22/	24/	5[illegible]
Kent's Dist.	150,000	1	1	...	17/	17/	...	...
Ditto Pref.	43,200	1	1	...	18/	17/6	18/6	6[illegible]
J. Pool. Inv.	165,114	1	10/	...	5/3	4/	4/11	...
Sale and Coast.	80,000	1	10/	...	14	...	...	...
N. York and R. Tob.	15,000	1	10	22	...	22/	24/	9[illegible]
Do. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	6	2/3	2/2	2/3	7
Sydney Tram.	25,000	10	5/	10	9/6	9/9	10/6	5[illegible]
Suburban & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	...	...	12/9	8[illegible]
Syd. Tram.	197,326	1	1	...	68/	...	64/	...
Syd. Mach.	30,000	10	10	6	12/6	12	12½	5
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	22/6	22	22/9	6
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	17/	16/	17/9	5[illegible]
Syd. Hyd. & G. P.	15,000	...	...	10	16/6	17/6	20/	5[illegible]
Wd. Lard'd'ng	...	...	...	...	150	...	150	...
Hall's Meat.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anchor	12,000	1	10	21/6	20/6	22/	24	...
A. Mut. coupo	5,000	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
LAND & BD.								
A. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	4½	...	...	...
Equit. Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/3	...	...	...
Nil. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14/	...	...	...
Sydney B. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
In Shares	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Do. Fire	47,500	2½	20	6	...	...	...	5[illegible]
Scott. Fire	33,925	1	15/	7	13/	14/6	...	7[illegible]
Do. Fire and Life	...	...	...	...	3/9	...	...	...
Sol. & B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/	...	...	...

* When dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.
† Net.

We are informed that the Queensland 4 per cent. loan of £600,000, offered at the nominal price of £102, interest amounting to 27s given to the investor, reducing the amount to £100 13s, is practically assured. Considerable amounts have been subscribed in Melbourne and Sydney.

The New South Wales £600,000 Treasury Bills loan has been negotiated at par, though at a loss of 15s per cent. in interest, making the interest £4 3s 6d per cent. The result is not quite equal to the loan being raised by Queensland in the Commonwealth. But, of course, in the case of that issue there is a currency of ten years, for which a better price should be obtained than for a short-dated four-year loan.

According to the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, China recognises her obligations to pay the indemnity in gold, but declares her inability to do so unless the maritime customs duties are paid in gold. That is the chief, in fact the only difficulty in the way of an honest fulfilment of the engagement, for tea and silk and other Chinese produce command as high prices in gold in the markets of the world as when the indemnity was fixed. And therefore the country can buy gold to meet the instalments with as little of her produce as at that time. It is not clear why the duties cannot be paid in gold, since they are not thereby enhanced when looked at in the light of the conditions prevailing when the indemnity was fixed. And if they are paid in silver on a gold basis, the merchant is able to buy the extra quantity of silver for an equal amount of produce or gold. It will be interesting to watch the result of the negotiations in progress. That the United States and the United Kingdom are willing to make the concessions which Germany, France, and Russia refuse, has for its real cause a belief that the indemnity was too heavy—not that it was made heavier by the fall in silver, which is only a pretext; though undoubtedly as new but ipsemuses inconvenience, which cannot be questioned. The "Times" naturally objects to the payment in gold; that from the present time of course involves an additional burden, in which British trade will suffer more than that of other countries.

The other day we quoted some figures appearing in English correspondence regarding the relative rates of progress of London and Liverpool as the leading ports of the mother country. They showed that in 10 years the growth of tonnage entering into and clearing from London had increased 28 per cent., while from Liverpool the growth had been only 13·9 per cent. But if 2,700,000 tons of vessels engaged in the foreign trade passing through the Manchester Canal and counted to Manchester be added to the Liverpool figures, the increase of the Lancashire port would have exceeded 38 per cent. as compared with the increase of 28 per cent. in London. The Manchester Canal is six years, though it had not yet begun to pay, had acquired this trade of 2,700,000 tons against 12,656,000 tons credited to Liverpool and 17,276,000 tons to London.

By the Australian, for Hongkong, gold to the value of £7775 is being shipped by Chinese merchants.

The United States has railways of the value of £2,465,000,000—or rather represented by that amount of capital, and of this amount over 95 per cent. represents the progress made during the past half century, the mileage having increased from 9021 in 1850 to 128,787, the length at the last compilation. There has been a decided easing off. In the last decade population has increased more rapidly than the mileage, since there were 395 persons per mile of railway in 1901, as compared with only 376 per mile in 1890. It would seem that now the capitalists of the States contemplate in the next half-century spending £2,000,000,000 in widening, deepening, and linking all the canals of North America. Where it is possible water carriage is almost invariably cheaper than railway traction, and it may be expected that there will be an enormous development along the lines of the improved waterways.

The Rand goldmines continue to increase their output of the precious metal. This year the opening month's yield aggregated 199,279 fine oz., or 3256oz. in excess of that of January last year. The month's yield being of the value of £846,936 points to a large output for the year.

All the cables from London confirm late reports of a rise in merinos and fine crossbred wool ranging up to fully 5 per cent. Of course, this position is based on the known scarcity present and in the future, owing to the losses of sheep in Australia and the impossibility of breeding up for several years to come. The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report that they are in receipt of a message from their London office, dated the 18th instant, as follows:—"Since the opening of the sales medium to good greasy merinos are higher by ¼d, and greasy crossbred lambs are higher by ¼d to 1d. Prices for coarse greasy crossbred are lower by par to ¼d per lb."

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled steady. Californian on spot sold at 5s 6½d to 5s 8d, duty paid, according to size of parcel. Argentine ranged from 4s to 4s 2d c.i.f. and e. for sailer shipments afloat, and up to 4s 4d to 4s 5d for steamer shipments to arrive earlier. Flour moved off moderately freely only, local at £12 10s. Manitoba was firmly held at £12 10s to £13 10s to arrive according to delivery. Stocks on spot continued light.

Yesterday it was remarked that Californian and Walla Walla wheat were not giving satisfaction in Melbourne. The "Age" on this subject remarks:—"Choice milling San Francisco grain appears to be scarcely up to the sample; but the official certificate is attached, and all that can be hinted is that buyers here were led to believe the standard higher than it really was. The grain, we understand, is not giving good results to millers, being decidedly weak, and strong wheat for mixing is urgently required. The colour is, however, excellent. The red Walla Walla wheat is soft, but is said to be about as strong as the choice milling." It is becoming very evident that strong flours will be required in quantity for mixing purposes, and some pretty free orders have been despatched for the leading brands for the quickest shipment available."

A couple more cargoes of Argentine wheat are advised as having been sold for Melbourne. Among recent charters are:—East Africa, 1538 tons, net, River Plate to Australia, option South Africa; Linlithgowshire, 1357 tons, River Plate to Australia, with South African option; Magnetha, 2004 tons, Argentine to Melbourne, with wheat.

The position of the wheat market abroad may partly be gauged from our cabled figures this morning. They show that there were 1,600,000 quarters less of wheat and flour afloat for Europe than at the corresponding date 12 months ago. From August 1, when the world's cereal year opens, to December 31, "Bearbohm" places the imports into European countries at averaging 1,129,000 quarters a week. At the same time, it remarks that on January 1 stocks in the United Kingdom and other European centres were actually smaller than on August 1, thus indicating that the imports had not exceeded the requirements, but had actually tended in the opposite direction. Extra European countries such as China, the Dramle, South Africa, and Australia also imported freely, viz., at the rate of about 140,000 quarters per week. It was not expected that during the remaining seven months European requirements would equal those of the first five months of the season, but it was fully expected that Australia would tend to swell the extra European figures. This is how the position stands in the opinion of the authority already quoted:—

	Per Week. qrs.
European Consumption, Aug. 1 to Dec. 31	1,129,000
Extra European Consumption for the same period	140,000
Total	1,269,000
Estimated Consumption for the remaining seven months for Europe	975,000
For extra Europe	175,000
Total	1,150,000

There is another factor which has to be taken into consideration. The potato crop of the United Kingdom is deficient this year to the extent of 16 per cent. in quantity, while the poorness of the quality is estimated to be equal to a further 10 per cent. shrinkage. Moreover, potatoes when last mail left were selling in London at £3 to £5 per ton, against £2 5s to £3 last year at the same time.

IMPORT MARKET.

A fair volume of business was carried through to-day, there being rather more activity displayed than was the case last week. More parcels of tea were cleared up, and good sales were also effected at auction, though at prices in no way commensurate with Colombo costs. Cables from that centre advise a further rise at yesterday's auction there. Business was done in American cane sugar ex recent arrivals, but trade in this department was not very brisk. Wish of all kinds were in request at about late rates. Not much activity prevailed in dried fruits, Eastern produce, or liquors, while metals and jute goods were also slow to move. White lead had some inquiry, prices having a firmer tendency in sympathy with the recent series of advances in costs.

Tea.—200 chests of Indian teas changed hands privately on private terms, and 100 chests of Ceylon broken pekoes went at 8d to 9½d per lb. Private cables advise a further rise of 2 cents in the Colombo market.

The export of tea from Calcutta to Sydney up to the latest mail date totalled 1,713,000lb., against 2,654,000lb. during the corresponding period of the previous season. To all Australian ports there has been a marked falling off in the shipments.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. offered at auction, at the City Mart to-day, catalogues comprising 439 packages of Ceylon and 195 Indian teas on account of Messrs. Fraser, Ramsay, and Co. There was a good attendance of the trade, and bidding was fairly brisk up to a certain point. Prices realised were about on a basis of recent business. 335 packages of Ceylons were moved off as follows:—Pekoes 6½d to 7½d, broken pekoe fannings 6½d, and broken pekoes 7½d to 9d. Ninety chests of Indians at 6½d to 7½d per lb.

Sugar.—Business was done in American cane sugar ex recent arrivals.

Groceries.—50 cases of Leader salmon sold at 5s, 25 cases of scroll, tails, and flats at 6s 9d and 7s 9d. 100 boxes D.R.J. candles, 6d; 300 cases of Bell's chai-1 vestas were placed. The match business has been disorganised for some time through the advertising business, but this, it is understood, is likely to cease. Small parcels of Libby's chopped dry beef moved off. London advices regarding the herring market state:—"Stocks, through the partial failure of the Scotch fishing, have diminished rapidly, and most of the leading packers are practically sold out." On the subject of sardines the same authority writes:—"The French fishing being a failure, their stocks are small, and prices prohibitory. For Portuguese the demand is good, and for fine fish the prices are hardening, as the home trade are buying freely."

Eastern Produce.—Three tons of Japan rice moved off at £22, and five tons of sago at £15 per ton.

Liquors.—150 cases of Vat stout, eight quarters of Feuerheerd's port, and eight quarters of ditto sherry were placed.

Metals.—Apart from a little business in fencing wire at late rates, there was not much done in this branch. New York advices convey the following information:—"It is interesting to note that prices on black and galvanised pipe now permit of business with the colonies, two or three well-assorted specifications having recently been placed with the National Tube Company at competing discounts, which, helped by a freight equivalent to 15s, has led to business."

Oils.—Steady business was done in kerosene at unchanged prices. Three tons of Champion's white lead sold at £28 and £29, holders now asking 10s per ton advance.

A smart advance has recently occurred in the cost of mineral oils. The reason assigned in the market of supply for such a very decided rise at this time is that consumption has assumed such proportions as to have outrun production, and this is verified by the fact that for some time past buyers have experienced great difficulty in obtaining lubricating oils in sufficient quantity, and as fast as wanted. Primarily the increased consumption is due to the great activity in all industrial lines based on the general prosperity of the United States. The heavy demand for lubricants thus created has been the more felt by producers of mineral oils because of the exceptional scarcity and high cost of all animal greases which enter into competition with them. These animal products have been in such limited supply and commanded such extreme prices for so many months that they have been placed out of reach of many consumers who have hitherto given them the preference, and the demand being thus thrown upon the mineral oils has, in conjunction with the large natural increase in the consumption of the latter, produced a condition of stringency said to be unprecedented in the history of the trade. A factor of no small consequence contributing to this condition is the extraordinary growth of export business in mineral lubricating oils. In the month of December alone last year the increase in exports from the United States amounted to over 1,800,000 gallons, while for the 12 months the total shipments aggregated 79,933,109 gallons, an increase in round numbers of 6,900,000 gallons, compared with the exports in 1901.

Messrs. Shrager Brothers write from Calcutta under date February 23 regarding castor oil:—"The market has been showing a firmer tendency during the past fortnight, and prices look like being fully maintained owing to castor seed crop being unfavourable. Both arrivals of seeds and production of oil are limited."

Jute Goods.—Only small sales were reported at unchanged prices.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £8219. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £1578; narcotics, £305; sugar, £12; agricultural products and groceries, £2150; apparel and textiles, £1092; metals and machinery, £369; oils, paints, and varnishes, £174; earthenware, cement, &c., £70; drugs and chemicals, £87; wood, wicker, and cane, £45; jewellery and fancy goods, £152; leather and rubber, £16; paper and stationery, £41; vehicles, £21; musical instruments, £18; miscellaneous, £41; pilotage, £19; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1893; excise on beer, £239.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auction of Australasian tallow at the Baltic Rooms there was a fair supply, with good sales at unchanged rates. Prices were as follows:—Fine mutton at 34s 6d; medium mutton at 31s 6d; fine beef at 35s 3d; medium beef at 31s. The following comparison shows recent auction business:—

	Offered Casks.	Sold Casks.	Mel. Mutton. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
Jan. 21	1225	625	32s 6d	31s 6d
Jan. 28	925	525	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 4	609	119	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 18	472	79	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 18	712	322	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 25	900	43	32s 6d	31s 3d
Mar. 4	433	146	31s 6d	31s 0d
Mar. 11	775	375	31s 6d	31s 0d
Mar. 18	825	325	31s 6d	31s 0d

Wool Receipts (Thursday).—By rail 378 bales, coastwise 40 bales. At Newcastle on Wednesday last 171 bales were received by rail.

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SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 7-16d per ounce standard.

AMERICAN VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is estimated by "Bradstreet's" to be 741,114,000 bushels.

March 19.

METALS.

Closing prices are:—

Copper.—Spot, 66¾—a rise of 1; three months 66¾—a rise of 1.

Tin.—Spot, 136¼—a rise of ½; three months 137¼—a rise of 1¼.

Lead.—13 11-16—a fall of ½.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Breadstuffs continue inactive. No transactions of note are reported. Several parcels of wheat were offering on Thursday, but buyers were not disposed to give the price required.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victorian 3 per cent., 1921-1930, sold at £91 10s; Commercial Bank, preference shares, 83s; London Bank, deposit receipts, 19s; Silverton Tram, 6½s.

Sales of Adelaide wheat have been made at 5s 10½d to 5s 10½d, covering 6000 bags, and there are further buyers at 5s 10½d, but sellers ask an advance. Small business was done in Northern Victorian wheat in town at 5s 10½d; bran, 4s 3d; pollard, 4s 7½d to 4s 9d. Victorian milling barley is in better demand: up to 5s 1½d for Algerian oats, 2s 8d to 3s; milling, 3s 1d; seed, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; maize, nominal at 5s 7d. Chaff is steady—prime oaten, £5 to £5 2s 6d; prime wheaten, £5 5s; straw chaff, £3 5s to £2 15s. Gippsland potatoes, £2 10s; Warrnambool, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s. Onions, £3 to £3 2s 6d.

Business in tea covers 250 packages Ceylon up to 11½d; 150 quarter-chests S.O. pekoe, 7d to 7½d, 100 half-chests kooloo, 6½d. Forty kegs cream of tartar sold. Cornsacks are up to 4s 6d; bran bags, 3s 8d. A fair business was done in wire-netting. Nearly 50 tons of No. 8 fencing wire sold. Far business was done in G.C. iron. Ten bottles quicksilver sold for export. One thousand casks of Alsen's cement sold to arrive. Castor oil is 2s 6d to 2s 6½d. Ten tons white lead in assorted sizes sold.

PRODUCE INWARD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The steamer Tyrian has sailed for Sydney with 2358 cases fruits, 1144 bags onions, 1260 bags potatoes, 334 cases jam, 373 bales chaff, 165 bags oats, 200 bags barley, 200 bags malt, 6 cases tomatoes, 270 cases butter, 100 boxes candles, 20 bags oatmeal, 18 cases raisins, 8 cases cheese, 48 sacks and 120 quarter-sacks flour.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets again had a rather quiet tone, with no particular item displaying any noticeable degree of buoyancy. So far as business was concerned, no improvement occurred, operations in most instances being confined to purchases for immediate use. Supplies available were good and sufficient for requirements. Oats, chickwheat, potatoes, and turnips ruled weaker, while southern eggs may be quoted a trifle firmer. No change transpired in maize, the inquiry being rather limited and stocks fairly good. Oats were cheaper, the bulk of the samples being of a feeding and indifferent quality. Chickwheat also eased in value a trifle. In barley and peas no change was noted. Both bran and pollard moved off quietly at late rates. At auction about 9000 bags of inter-state chaff was well competed for at firm prices. Adelaide makes fetched £6 to £6 10s, Victorian £5 17s 6d to £6 5s, and damaged straw descriptions to £3 ton. On the wharfs private sales were steady at yesterday's closing rates. About 230 bales of lucerne hay arrived by boat from Hunter River during the morning. The demand for this article was quiet, although the market had a better tone owing to the continued dry weather. Oaten hay and straw had a moderate amount of attention at late rates. Potatoes were again cheaper, sales being steady, chiefly at 70s for best sorts. Onions had quiet sale at late values. Turnips receded in price, the demand being slack. In dairy produce business was fair in most lines. Apart from a slight rise in the price of Southern eggs no change of importance in prices occurred.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady. Pasteurised is 11d, best factory is 1d, a few choice brands ½d extra, good 12½d, inferior 11½d.

Bacon and Hams.—Quiet. Hand-cured 9½d to 10½d, ditches 9½d to 10½d, middles 11d to 1s 1d. York Castle, mild-cured brands, sides 11d, fitches 11d, middles 1s 1d; Clarence, sides 11½d; "A" in circle, sides 10½d; Bodalla, sides 10d, fitches 10½d, and middles 1s 0½d; Eclipse, sides 11½d, middles 1s 1d; Hicks, sides 11d, fitches 11d; Wernlah, 11½d. Hams: Local hams in cloth 1s, small weights to 1s 1d; New Zealand, 1s 1d; Pineapple, 1s 1d; York Castle, 1s 1d; Eclipse, 1s 1d; Bodalla, 1s 1d; English, 1s 1d 1b.

Cheese.—Market firm. Local, choice 7½d, medium 7½d, inferior 7d, large choice 7½d, Kamerunka Cheddar 8d, Bodalla 8½d lb.

Eggs.—Local: Northern eggs, 1s 1s to 1s 1d; South, 1s 2d to 1s 4d; suburban new-laid eggs, 1s 7d to 1s 9d doz.

DRIED GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Quiet sale. Tasmanian 2s 6d to 2s 8d, prime 2s 9d to 2s 10d; New Zealand prime 2s 10d to 3s, good to 2s 9d, inferior and dark from 2s 6d; seed, prime 3s 7d to 3s 9d; milling, 3s to 3s 2d; local seed, prime 3s 5½d to 3s 8½d.

Barley.—Prime Cape feed 4s 3d to 4s 6d, choice feed to 4s 7d bus. English nominal.

Maize.—Local: New white, 4s 10d, choice red quoted 5s, American 4s 6d to 4s 10d bus.

Peas.—Grey 4s 6d to 4s 9d, blue 4s 6d bus.

Chickwheat.—Local: 5s 7d to 5s 8d. Adelaide: 5s 6d to 5s 9d. New Zealand: 5s 6d to 5s 8d bus.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 4s 3d, pollard at 4s 7d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Oaten Hay.—Local: Prime £6 10s to £6 15s, medium to £6, inferior from £5 15s. Victorian: Prime manger, £7; derrick, £6; Adelaide, £5 10s.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Wharf, choice quoted £5 10s, other makes £4 10s to £5 5s. Railway: Small bales, choice £5 10s to £6; trusses, good, £5; large bales, medium to £5 10s ton, prime nominal.

Chaff.—Local: Choice to £6 10s, medium £6 5s, inferior from £4 15s. Adelaide: £6 to £6 10s. Victorian: £5 15s 6d to £6 5s. Tasmanian: Prime oaten, £5 10s to £5 15s; straw makes £4 to £4 5s, choice oaten £4 10s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmania, £3 ton. Local: Railway, nominal.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Seed, nominal. Tasmanian: Circulars, choice £3 10s, fancy lots to £3 15s, others to £3 5s. Warrnambools, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d ton, inferior cheaper.

WOOD MARKET.

Best foot wood 12s to 13s, good 9s to 10s, inferior from 7s; bundles, 6s to 12s 6d; bakers' split, 9s to 10s, inferior 4s to 5s; large bakers', 7s 6d to 8s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Victorian: Portarlingtons £4 to £4 5s ton.

Beeswax.—1s 1d lb.

Honey.—Choice 2½d to 3d, good to 2¼d, inferior 2d, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bladder 8d, bulk 7d lb.; American 6½d to 7d lb. by 56lb. bucket.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, £3 to £3 10s ton.

POULTRY.

River poultry: Fowls 3s 9d, choice 4s to 5s 6d; roosters, ordinary 3s 6d to 4s, choice heavy to 4s 6d; English river ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 3d; Muscovy ducks, river 3s 6d to 4s, drakes 4s to 4s 6d; geese, 4s to 5s; turkeys, gobblers 14s to 20s, choice to 22s 6d, hens 7s to 8s; guinea fowls, 4s to 4s 6d pair.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern markets this morning only a moderate supply of produce was forward for sale. There was a fair attendance of buyers, who operated with a considerable amount of freedom in all lines. Ordinary prime oaten hay chaff found a buyer at 5s 11d to 6s 1d a cwt. Good quality lucerne hay in large bales found a buyer at 5s 6d a cwt. Oaten hay hand threshed sold at 5s 3d, inferior in large bales going at 3s 10d a cwt. Ordinary prime seed oats were taken at 3s 7d, rye corn making 4s 3d to 4s 6d a bushel. A few medium sized pumpkins had attention at 3s 6d a doz. Seed potatoes continued dull of sale even at cheaper rates.

The offerings comprised:—3 trucks chaff, 2 oaten hay, 2 lucerne, 1 oats, 2 potatoes, and 1 pumpkins.

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FUNERALS.

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BUCKLE.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER BUCKLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved infant SON, Francis Alfred, which will move from their residence, Belltress, No. 108 Johnston-street, Annandale, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Stanmore station, and thence to Necropolis.
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SMITH.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. JOSEPH W. SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Mary Ann, which will move from his residence, No. 46 Terry-street, Balmain West (Rozelle), THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.
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HANKIN.—The Friends of Mrs. ALFRED HANKIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved HUSBAND, Alfred; to leave her residence, 57 Newman-street, Newtown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown.

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